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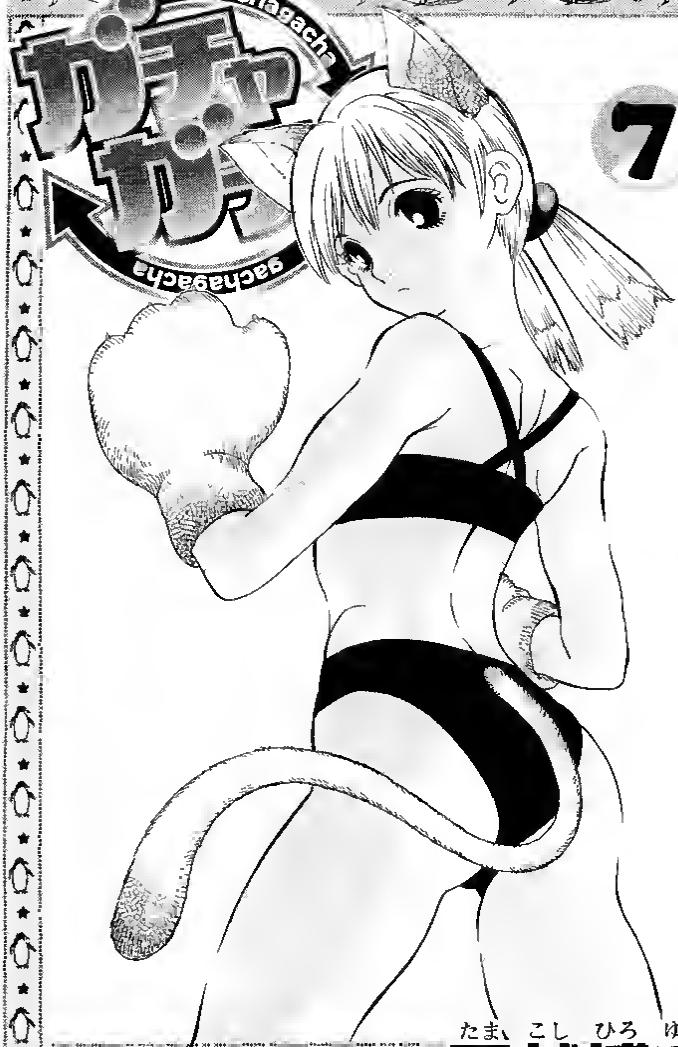

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AH ... I TRANS-FORMED
WAS I SEEN ...
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ドキ
UGH IT'S SO COLD ...
HM?

IT'S CHRISTMAS ALREADY
THAT EXPLAINS WHY IT'S SO COLD.
Xmas SALE
30% OFF
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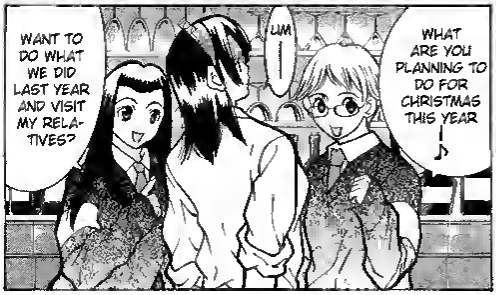
AM I GOING TO SPEND CHRISTMAS ALONE THIS YEAR?
I SHOULD SPEND THIS TIME WARMING UP ON THE ROCK STOCK'S HOT COFFEE.
CRAP
EVEN MY HEART HAS BECOME COLD
ROCK STOCK CAFE
カラン カラン

GOOD AFTER-NOON !!
HELLO, CAN I HELP YOU !!
HM?
.....?
I CAME IN AS A MAN
HUH!? NOT GOOD
?

E-EVEN I DRINK COFFEE!
THE COFFEE HERE IS AMONG THE BEST ...
WHAT, HATSU-SHIBA?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
AH...
S-SHUT UP
HM
SINCE WHEN DID YOU ACQUIRE A SENSE OF FINE TASTE HATSU-SHIBA?
...
POUT
IS COFFEE ALRIGHT?
HAVE A SEAT, HATSU-SHIBA-KUN.
O——K
HEY, YOU TWO CAN'T BE HARASSING THE CUSTOM-ERS!

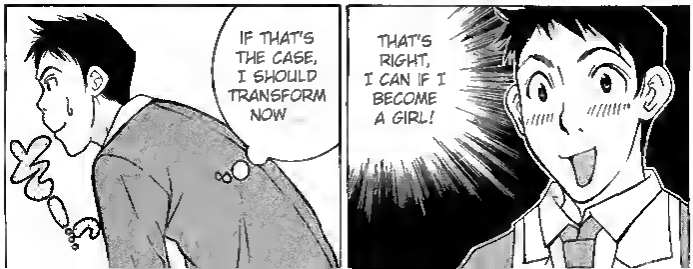
T-THANK YOU…
PLEASE STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE!
SAKURABA IS SO KIND

Y-YES…


WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR♪
UM…
WANT TO DO WHAT WE DID LAST YEAR AND VISIT MY RELATIVES?

HEY, YURIKA, LET'S CONTINUE OUR CONVERSATION FROM A LITTLE WHILE AGO!
HM?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!

THEY'RE HAVING A CHRISTMAS PARTY DISCUSSION!
I'LL BE THE PRESENT!!
HOW NICE, I WANT TO GO TOO


THAT'S RIGHT, I CAN IF I BECOME A GIRL!
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I SHOULD TRANSFORM NOW…

I-IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!!
IS IT A DATE, IS IT DATE
EH!?
SORRY, I ALREADY HAVE SOMETHING I NEED TO DO ON THAT DAY...
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT IT REALLY IS A DATE?
EVEN IF SHE DENIES IT SHE HAS THINGS TO DO ON THAT DAY
SEE YOU LATER
WE HAVE TO GO,
AH, IT CAN'T BE, IT'S ALREADY SO LATE
.....
IS IT A DATE, IS IT A DATE?

HEY, HATSUSHI-BA-KUN
W-WHAT IS IT?
WHAT?
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T-THAT WELL ...
もじもじ
A-AS A MATTER OF FACT ...
C... CHRIST-MAS EVE ...
ARE YOU FREE?
EH!?
T-THIS, IS SHE ASKING ME OUT!?
I-I'M FREE! I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO DO!
I SEE, SO THAT OTHER PERSON WAS ME!

HAPPY TO BE ALIVE ...
I-I'M ...
THAT'S GOOD ...
UNCLE, THIS PERSON IS AVAIL-ABLE ♪
HUH !?
CAN YOU DO ... PART TIME WORK !!
Y... YES ...
THE ROCK STOCK HAS A CHRIST-MAS CAKE SALE EVERY YEAR, HOWEVER ...
THIS YEAR WE'RE RUNNING LOW ON HELP ...
I SEE.

I THOUGHT SAKURABA WAS ASKING ME OUT ON A DATE
I WAS DECEIVED !!
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BUT, IT'S NICE THAT WE FOUND A PART TIME WORKER !!
HATSUSHI-BA-KUN.
LET'S DO OUR BEST WHILE WE WORK TOGETHER ...
O-OKAY.
I THINK THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS WILL BE A GOOD ONE!
ROCK STO CAFE
EVEN THOUGH IT'S PART TIME WORK, I GET TO SPEND CHRISTMAS EVE WITH SAKURABA

AND, ON THE DAY OF CHRISTMAS EVE
ROCK STOCK CAFÉ
WOW
Merry X mas
LOOKS GOOD !!

EH?
NOW WE JUST NEED TO PREPARE.
THE CAKE TURNED OUT PRETTY WELL.
HERE.
PUT THIS ON HATSUSHIBA-KUN!
TOILET
.....
WELL THEN, I NEED TO CHANGE MY CLOTHES AS WELL
EH?
I HAVE TO WEAR THIS FOR WORK
IT'S A LITTLE EMBARRASSING
ガチャ

EH!? WAIT! PERHAPS SAKURABA?
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IS IT YOUR SIZE HATSU-SHIBA-KUN?
AH, IT'S JUST RIGHT
SEEMS TO BE A LITTLE TOO SMALL ...
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MINE ...
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WHAT A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS!
I GET TO WORK ALONGSIDE SUCH A CUTE SANTA...
YUP!
OUTSIDE?
EH!?
OHH!!
WELL THEN, PLEASE GO OUTSIDE HATSUSHIBA-KUN?

Xmas
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TO THINK AHEAD SO I DON'T END UP LIKE THIS
I'LL REMEMBER THAT WHEN IT COMES TO SWEET TALK
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... UGH, I'M EVEN STARTING TO FEEL HUNGRY ...
... I WISH I COULD BE INSIDE ...
Xmas
TWO OVER HERE —♪
EH ... Y-YES.
EXCUSE ME, CAN YOU GIVE ME ONE PLEASE!
AH, ME TOO —
THESE CAKES LOOK GOOD.
LUNCH Menu
11:30 2:30

IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT THE ROCK STOCK'S CAKES ARE POPULAR
W-WELCOME—!!
EXCUSE ME, CAN I HAVE ONE PLEASE?
SURE, THAT'LL BE 3,000 YEN.
IT'S A PLEASURE DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU—!!
EH?
OH NO
A-ARE YOU OKAY?
HUH!?

I'M BEAT ...
H-HEY, DON'T CRY ...
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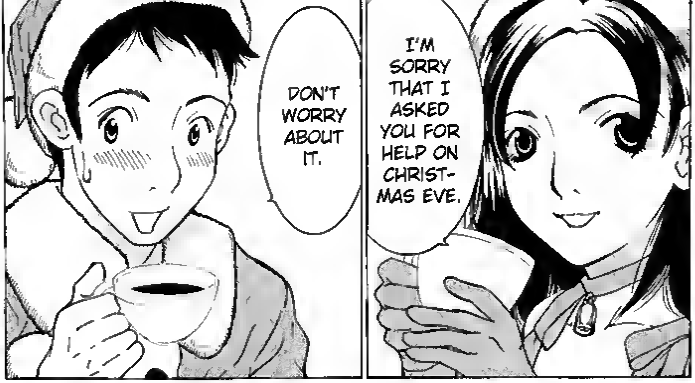
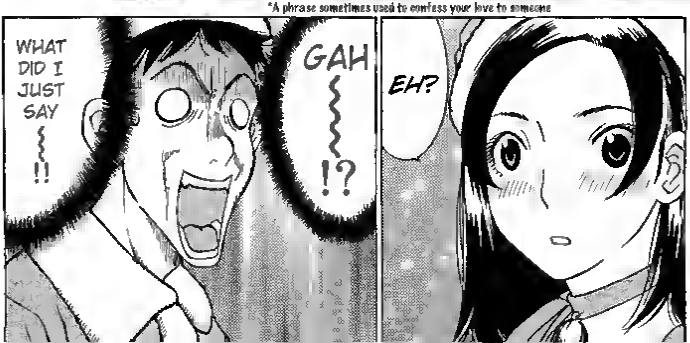
ヒック ヒック
IT'S ONLY 3,000 YEN ...
.....
GEEZ, I GUESS IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO COME OUT OF MY PAY FROM WORK...
HERE, TAKE THIS AND GO HOME.
EH, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE MONEY ...
ヒック

T-THANK YOU ...
HERE, TAKE IT!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE MONEY!
OKAY.
TRY NOT TO DROP IT AGAIN!
GOODBYE, 3,000 YEN ..
.....
ROCK STOCK CAFE
!
HATSUSHI-BA-KUN, LET'S TAKE A SHORT BREAK.

T-THANKS ...
DRINK THIS SO YOUR BODY STAYS WARM ...
Flag. Christmas Cakes
クリスマスケーキ
IT'S PRETTY COLD OUTSIDE.
AAH ...
THERE SURE ARE ARE ALOT OF PEOPLE OUT THIS CHRISTMAS EVE
HEY, HATSU-SHIBA-KUN
HM?



*A phrase sometimes used to confess your love to someone



AH, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT ...
.....
I MEANT THAT I LIKE T-THIS CAFE.
!
I SEE.
HA HA ...
HA HA ... HA ...
I G-GUESS I WAS THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE TO CAUSE THAT MISUNDERSTAND-ING---
I-IT'S ALRIGHT
BUT, IT REALLY WASN'T A MISUNDER-STANDING

I SEE THAT YOU SOLD QUITE A FEW.
IS THAT RIGHT ---
PERHAPS IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO SELL THEM ALL!
YEAH.
WELL, I HAVE TO RETURN NOW
OHH!
ROCKST
CAFE
SAKURABA WILL BE PLEASED IF I SELL THEM ALL.
... HOWEVER, THIS IS TAKING TOO LONG ...
UGH- SO COLD
I NEED TO ATTRACT SOME MORE PEOPLE TO GET RID OF THESE THINGS ...
ALRIGHT, NOW TO SELL ALL OF THEM!
THERE'S HARDLY ANYONE OUT HERE ...

D-DID ANYONE NOTICE?
Oh no, I transformed!
I HAVE TO HURRY AND CHANGE BACK TO NORMAL ...
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ドトロ
EH!?

HM?
THESE TROUSERS SLIPPED BECAUSE THEY'RE TOO BIG!
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EXCUSE ME, I'D LIKE TO BUY ONE
M-ME TOO...
I-I WANT ONE.
W-WELCOME!!
I'LL USE THIS TO MY ADVANTAGE..!!

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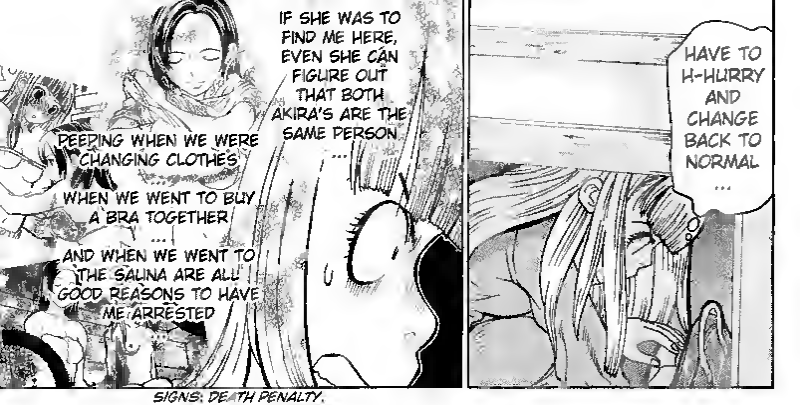
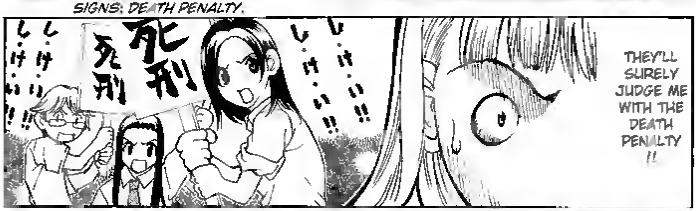
DELICIOUS♡

EXCUSE ME, CAN I PLEASE HAVE TWO?
ME TOO !
PLEASE LET ME HAVE ONE!
OKAY, IT'S A PLEASURE DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU !!
HM?
IT'S NEARLY TIME FOR US TO BE CLOSING UP.
IT SEEMS THAT THE NOISE OUTSIDE HAS CEASED ....
OH?
NOT GOOD, SAKURABA IS COMING OVER HERE!


PEEPING WHEN WE WERE CHANGING CLOTHES
...
WHEN WE WENT TO BUY A BRA TOGETHER
...
AND WHEN WE WENT TO THE SAUNA ARE ALL GOOD REASONS TO HAVE ME ARRESTED
IF SHE WAS TO FIND ME HERE, EVEN SHE CAN FIGURE OUT THAT BOTH AKIRA'S ARE THE SAME PERSON
...
HAVE TO H-HURRY AND CHANGE BACK TO NORMAL
...


SIGNS: DEATH PENALTY.
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死刑
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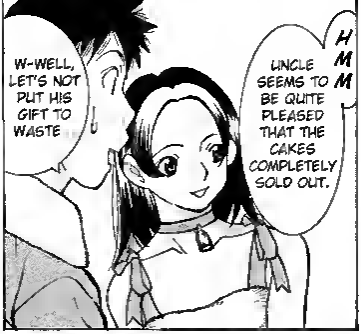
しけいい!!
THEY'LL SURELY JUDGE ME WITH THE DEATH PENALTY !!

DAMN IT, HAVE TO HURRY
...
HURRY AND BECOME A MAN
...
P-PAPPA STRIKE..

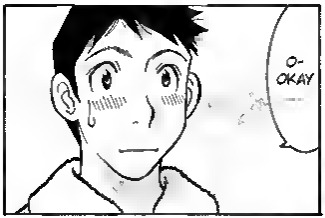
WHAT ARE YOU DOING UNDER HERE?
HM?

EH?
HEY, LOOK AT T-TH...T ...
OH !
AH, WELL THAT'S BECAUSE ...
IT WAS SO COLD ...
AMAZING, I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SELL THEM ALL !!
YOU DID IT !!
AAH ...

I'M SO GLAD ... THAT I WASN'T SEEN ...
OKAY ...
WELL THEN, LET'S GO INSIDE SO WE CAN WARM OURSELVES UP.
Merry X mas
OKAY.
THIS ... IS FOR DRINKING ...
Gah!
IT MAY BE SMALL, BUT LET'S HAVE A CHRISTMAS PARTY!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
WOW


W-WELL, LET'S NOT PUT HIS GIFT TO WASTE
UNCLE SEEMS TO BE QUITE PLEASED THAT THE CAKES COMPLETELY SOLD OUT.
HMM

SAY WHATEVER YOU WISH BUT IT'S THE NIGHT OF CHRIST-MAS EVE
UNCLE, AREN'T YOU GOING TO JOIN US?


O-OKAY

I'LL SLICE THE CAKE, OKAY.

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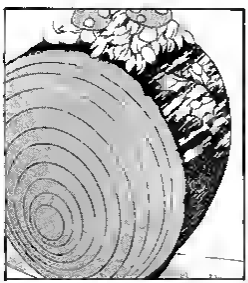

HERE YOU GO
T-THANKS.
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……
I-I'M BEAT, THIS ATMOSPHERE IS SO TENSE THAT I CAN'T EVEN STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION

SINCE UNCLE WENT TO GRE IT TROUBLE, SHALL I OPEN THIS?
S-SURE ...
N
AH !!
A-ARE YOU OKAY?
YES ...
HEH.
HA HA ...

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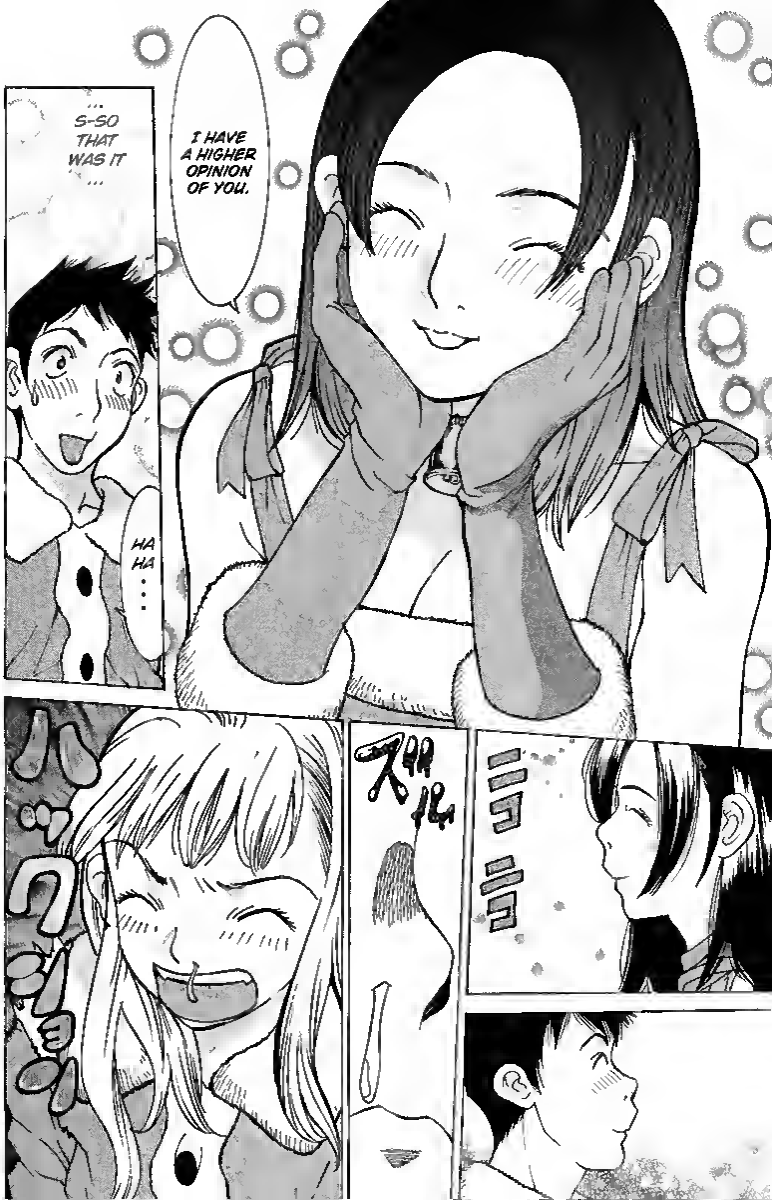
カコ
A TOAST——!!
ホワーン

NO DOUBT THAT THIS IS THE BEST CHRISTMAS EVER !!
DELICIOUS CAKES, EXQUISITE DRINKS
AND SAKURABA YURIKA BEFORE MY VERY EYES
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I HAVE A NEW OPINION OF YOU!
EXCUSE ME ...
.....
HATSU-SHIBA-KUN'S ... SECRET ...

THE END... THIS IS THE END FOR ME !!
!
WHEN YOU SACRIFICED YOUR OWN PAY TO GIVE THE CAKE AS A PRESENT TO THAT CHILD ...
THAT WAS VERY KIND OF YOU HATSUSHIBA-KUN ...
HUH !?
GAH !!
SO I WAS SEEN AFTER ALL —— !!


I HAVE A HIGHER OPINION OF YOU.
... S-SO THAT WAS IT ...
HA HA...
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EVERYTHING WAS SO PERFECT!
D-DAMN IT——!!
HUH!?
HM?
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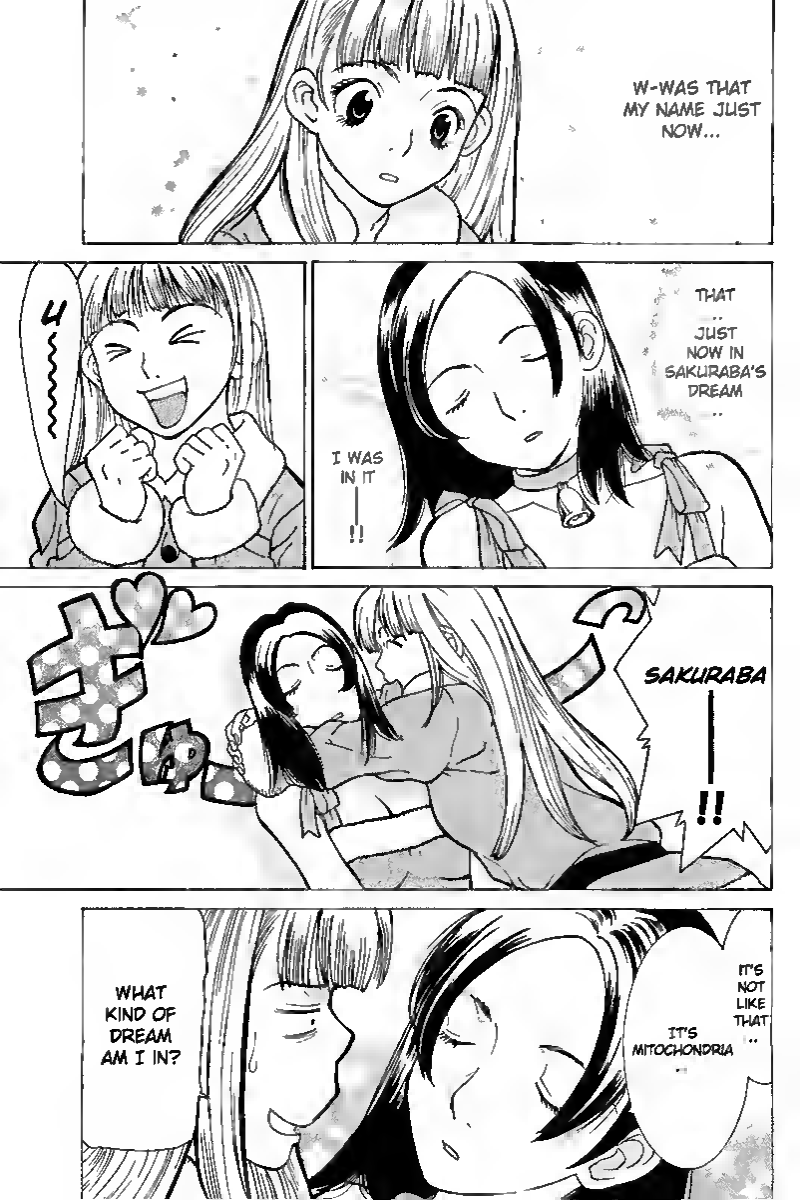
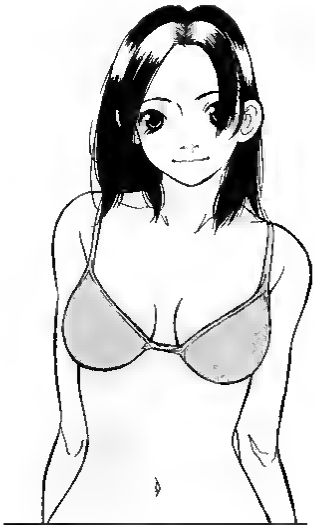
HM?
I-I'M SO RELIEVED...
.....
HATSU-SHIBA ...KUN.
EH!?


W-WAS THAT MY NAME JUST NOW...
THAT ... JUST NOW IN SAKURABA'S DREAM ...
I WAS IN IT !!
SAKURABA !!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT ... IT'S MITOCHONDRIA ...
WHAT KIND OF DREAM AM I IN?

THAT'S ENOUGH TO KEEP ME HAPPY ...
BUT ... TO BE ABLE TO SPEND THIS EVE WITH SAKURABA ...
NEXT YEAR MIGHT BRING ANOTHER WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS ...
I WISH I COULD SEE WHAT KIND OF DREAM THAT IS
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT ... IT'S MITO-CHON-DRIA...

*onsen = hot-spring/spa

SECRET.7 Let's Talk About Love In The Bathroom <Part One>



B...BUT, WHAT ABOUT SAKURABA AND HER FRIENDS ...
SO LET'S GO THERE!
MY FAMILY HAS AN ONSEN IN THEIR PRIVATE VILLA.
IT'S OKAY.
B...BUT, THAT KIND OF MONEY ...
AH, AKIRA... I WAS WONDERING IF YOU CAN INVITE THEM SOMEHOW
じ——
!?
I UNDER-STAND
.....
I BELIEVE IN YOU AKIRA!
IT'LL BE COOL!
NO WAY... DON'T GET ME INVOLVED IN SOMETHING SO UNREASON-ABLE.....

S. SAKURABA AT THE ONSEN
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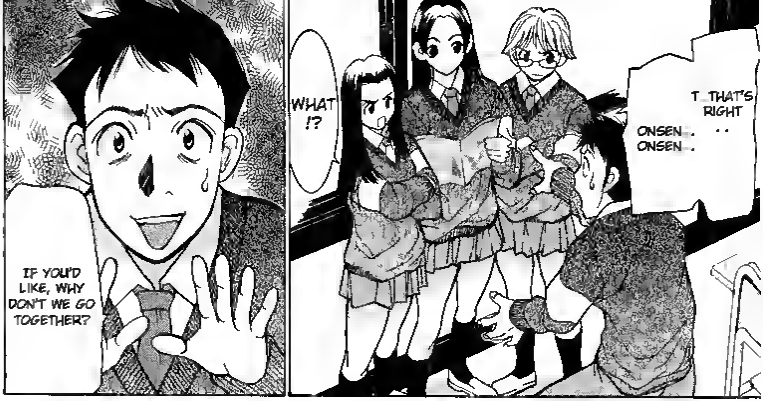
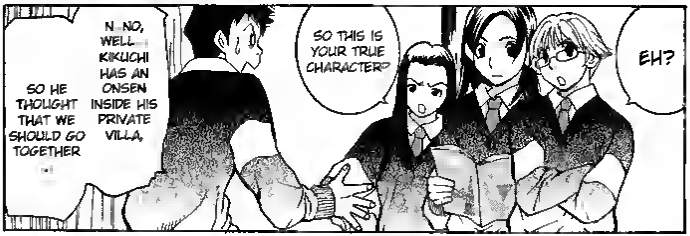
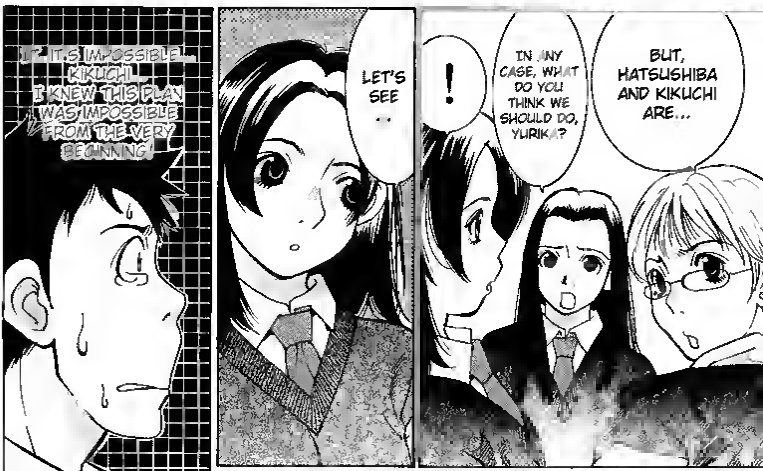
Oooh, Hatsushiba's so cooly!
IT WOULD BE PRETTY ENJOYABLE
IT HAVEN'T GOTTEN THAT FAR WITH SAKURABA
BE THAT AS IT MAY I'M STILL ME
I SEEM TO BE GETTING ALONG QUITE WELL WITH HER, DESPITE A FEW EMBARASSING MATTERS...
SO, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE...
HUH !?
HOWEVER, HOW AM I GOING TO INVITE THEM?
IF I PULL OUT NOW, I'LL LOSE KIKUCHI'S ADMIRATION

... HATSUSHIBA-KUN...
週刊 日本の秘湯
温泉紀行
BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS LIKE THIS
ARE YOU UP TO SOME-THING?
Eh?
WA!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!


IF YOU'D LIKE, WHY DON'T WE GO TOGETHER?
WHAT!?
T-THAT'S RIGHT... ONSEN... ONSEN...

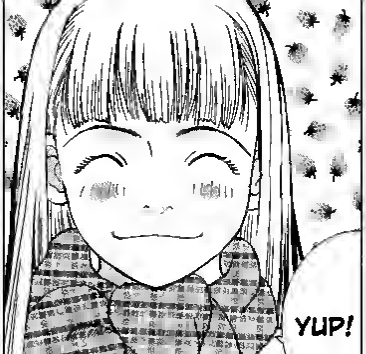

SO HE THOUGHT THAT WE SHOULD GO TOGETHER
N-NO, WELL... KIKUCHI HAS AN ONSEN INSIDE HIS PRIVATE VILLA,
SO THIS IS YOUR TRUE CHARACTER?
EH?


IT IS IMPOSSIBLE! KIKUCHI, I KNEW THIS PLAN WAS IMPOSSIBLE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!
LET'S SEE...
!
IN ANY CASE, WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO, YURIKA?
BUT, HATSUSHIBA AND KIKUCHI ARE...

I THINK IT SOUNDS LIKE A FUN IDEA.
EH?
YOU AREN'T IN ANY HURRY TO ANSWER, OKAY...
SEE YA ...
AH, AAH...
IS THAT SO. HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE BEST IF WE THINK ABOUT IT A LITTLE MORE CAREFULLY.
WELL, IF YURIKA SAYS SO...
AM!ZING, AKIRA! AS I EXPECTED!
NO, WELL... THEY STILL HAVEN'T AGREED TO COME WITH US...
WELL THEN...
HEH, IT'S OKAY LEAVE IT TO ME.
I'LL TRANSFORM AFTER SCHOOL AND PERSUADE THEM. THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN...

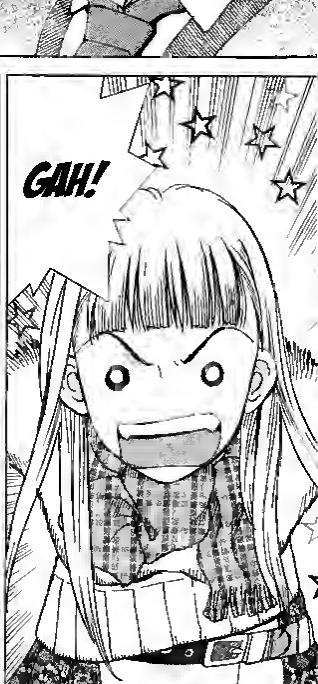
ROCK STOCK CAFE
AND, AFTER SCHOOL...
I THINK IT'S OKAY..
HOW ABOUT YOU?
カラン カラン
!
AH, AKIRA-CHAN!
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
HELLO, HELLO!
AS I THOUGHT, IT'S STILL IN DISCUSSION!
YOU SEE, SOME BOYS FROM OUR CLASS INVITED US TO GO TO AN ONSEN.
OH, DID YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT SOMETHING?

EH?
WHAT DO YOU THINK, AKIRA-CHAN?
... KIKUCHI AND I...
YEAH. ...
HOWEVER, I CAN'T SAY I CARE TO BE WITH HATSU-SHIBA AND KIKUCHI.
BECAUSE IT WOULDN'T BE FUN UNLESS EVERYONE'S AT THE ONSEN!
I SAY GO! YOU SHOULD DEFINATELY GO, GO, GO! DON'T THINK, JUST GO!
I'M SO GLAD... IT'S CERTAIN THAT I'LL BE WITH SAKURABA AT THE ONSEN... ♡
YEAH.
WELL THEN, LET'S GO!
SO IT IS...
YEAH, THAT SOUNDS REALLY FUN.
THIS IS LIKE A MEMBERS-ONLY KIND OF THING


YUP!

OF COURSE, AKIRA-CHAN IS COMING TOO, RIGHT?

I WANT EVERYONE TO GO TOGETHER.
THAT'S RIGHT.
THERE'S NO POINT IN GOING WITHOUT AKIRA-CHAN.
AH... BUT I...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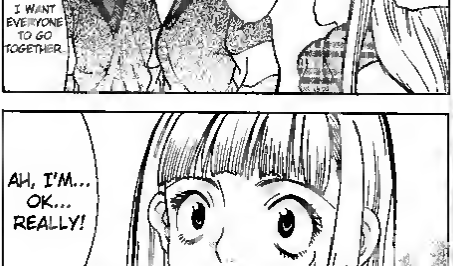
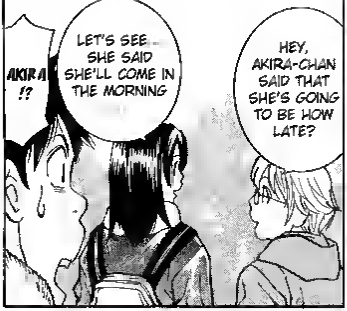
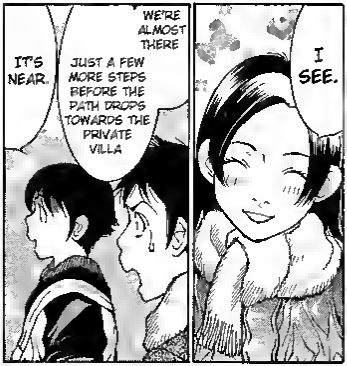

AH, I'M... OK... REALLY!

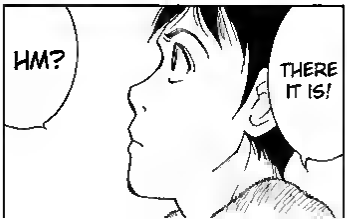
T .THIS IS GETTING SERIOUS
WELL THEN, IT'S DECIDED ...

I GUESS I'LL DO IT THAT WAY!
AH, I KNOW!
I GIVE UP. I ONLY HAVE ONE BODY....
I WANT TO KEEP MY PROMISE, BUT...
UGH...
I STILL GET TO GO TO THE ONSEN WITH SAKURABA!
IN ANY CASE, IT WILL STILL BE ENJOYABLE!
AND, THAT DAY


HEY, AKIRA-CHAN SAID THAT SHE'S GOING TO BE HOW LATE?
LET'S SEE... SHE SAID SHE'LL COME IN THE MORNING
AKIRA!?

WHICH REMINDS ME, HATSUSHIBA-KUN AND KIKUCHI-KUN DO YOU KNOW AKIRA-CHAN?
YEAH I K KNOW HER FROM THAT TIME AT THE C CULTURAL FESTIVAL
UH-HUH


I SEE.
WE'RE ALMOST THERE
JUST A FEW MORE STEPS BEFORE THE PATH DROPS TOWARDS THE PRIVATE VILLA
IT'S NEAR.


THERE IT IS!
HM?

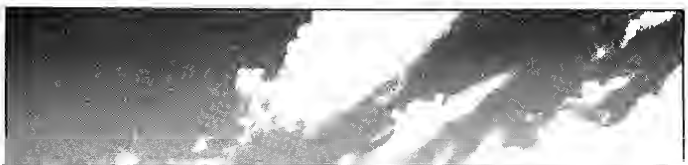
THE FRESH AIR IS NICE!

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SO WEALTHY, KIKUCHI.
WOW... IT'S INCREDIBLE!
I'M NOT THAT WEALTHY ...
LET'S GO INSIDE AND REST FOR A BIT
EVERYONE'S ROOMS ARE ALREADY PREPARED
WOW ...

KIKUCHI, WHAT KIND OF PERSON ARE YOU?
THERE'S EVEN A GARDEN OUT HERE...
LET'S SEE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE OUTSIDE.
OH ... WOW ...
THIS PLACE IS UP THERE WITH SOME PRETTY HIGH ESTABLISH-MENTS.
.....
HMM !?

S..SAKURA-BA!?
HATSUSHIBA-KUN!?
EH?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SO I WENT EXPLOR-ING...
W WELL THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN IN A VILLA LIKE THIS
EH?
FOR SOME REASON, I CAN'T SETTLE DOWN!
ME TOO!

*Qimen is also called Keemun (They're all types of teas)



IN THIS VILLA, SURROUNDED BY NATURE...
DRINKING TEA WITH SAKURABA...
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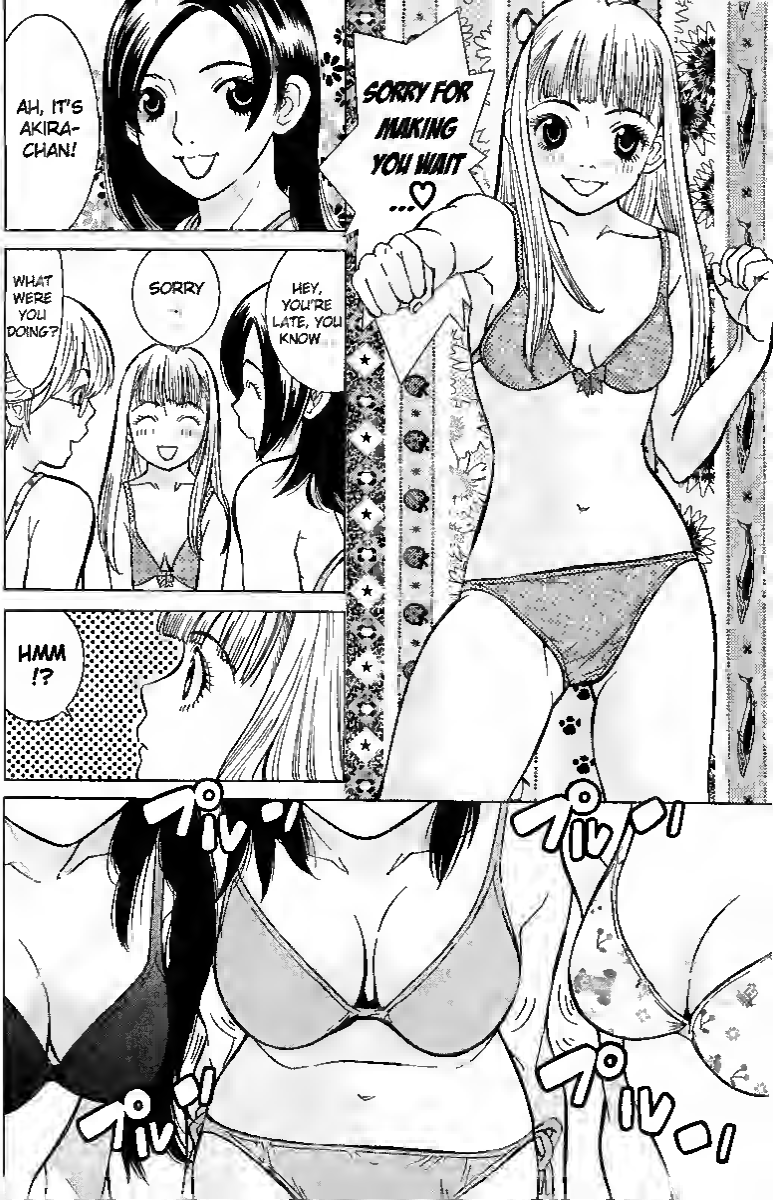
IS THIS A DREAM?
LET'S GO, YURIKA
NO WAY, MEN AREN'T ALLOWED RIGHT NOW!
HUH ...
THAT'S RIGHT, THERE'S A SPA HERE!
SPA?
LET'S GO TO THE SPA
ME TOO!
I'M COMING!
YURIKA ...

HMPH SO MEN ARE PROHIBITED
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN THIS PERSON...
THIS IS GREAT, ISN'T IT ...


AH, IT'S AKIRA-CHAN!
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT ...♡
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
SORRY
HEY, YOU'RE LATE, YOU KNOW
HMM !?
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THAT'S RIGHT!
AH... WHAT A LOVELY VIEW...
!?
KYAA!
OOPS!
AHA.. TICKLISH!
OOH!

SORRY ABOUT THAT!
SERIOUSLY... AKIRA-CHAN...
HMPH, HOW'S THAT? THIS IS MY REVENGE FOR YOUR CONSTANT TORMENT!
EH?
AKIRA-CHAN, OVER HERE!
LOOK AT THIS, IT'S A JACUZZI...
AH, I'M COMING IN!
HM!?
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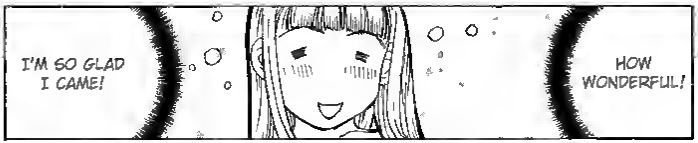
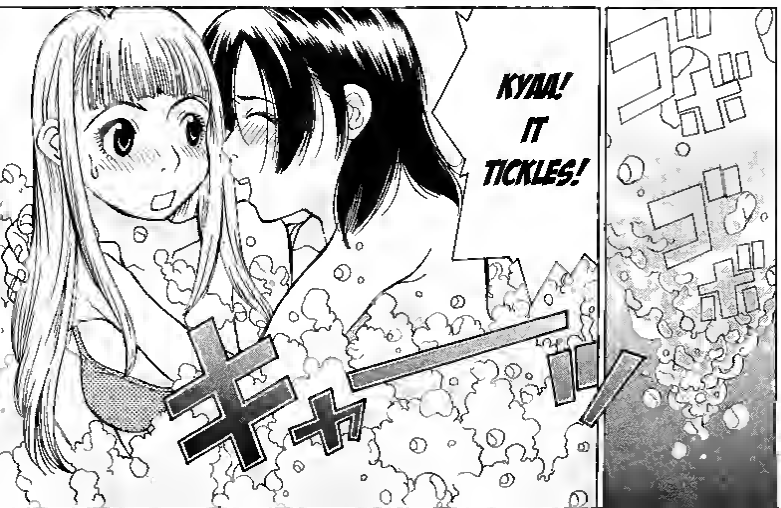

I'M SO GLAD I CAME!
HOW WONDERFUL!


KYAA! IT TICKLES!
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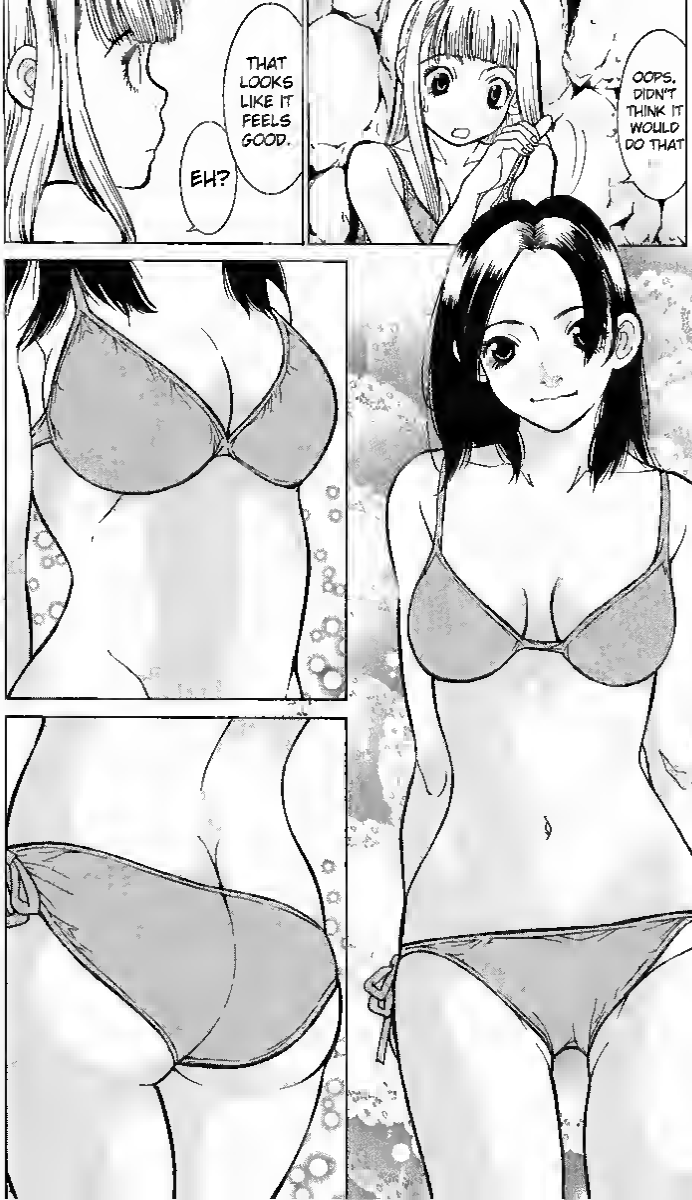
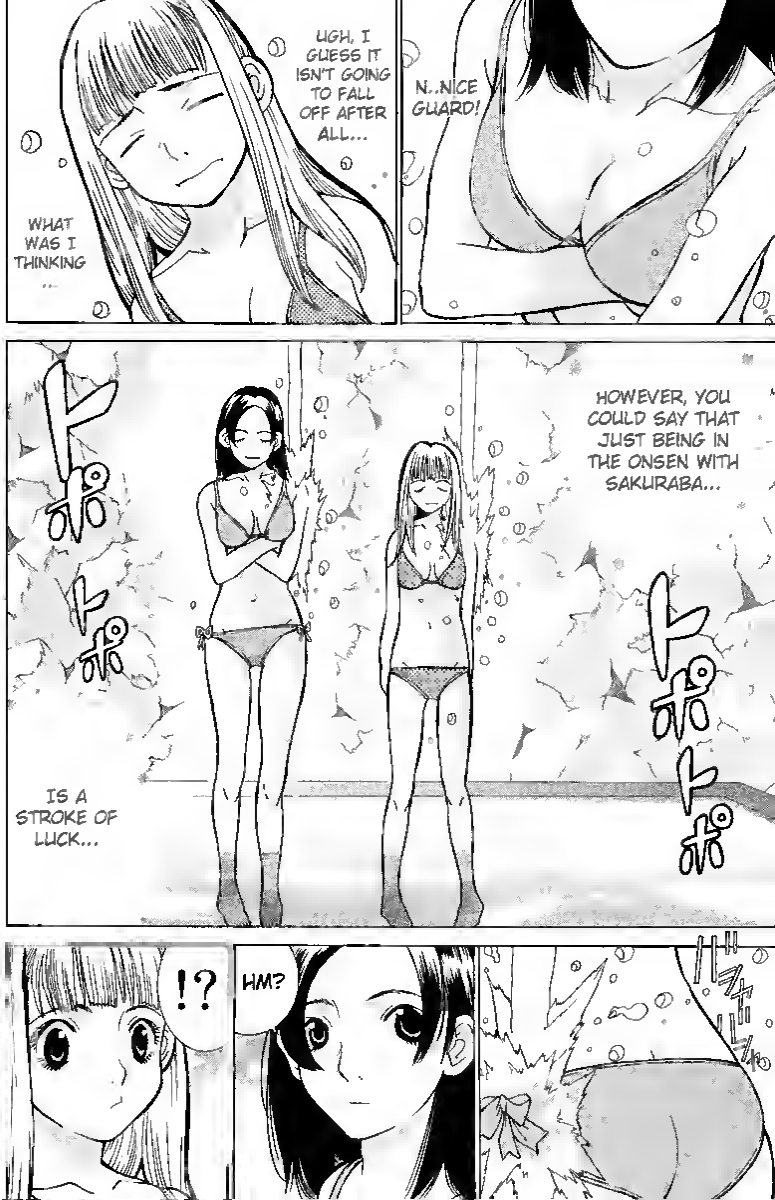
AHH
I'M GETTING A B BLOODY NOSE
ARE YOU OKAY, AKIRA-CHAN?
Y..YEAH, I'M FEELING A LITTLE DIZZY..
SO I'M GETTING OUT, OKAY?

IT'S A HOT WATER-FALL!
HM?
NOT GOOD, NOT GOOD. I ALMOST LOST CONSCIOUS-NESS.
AH!
I'M SUP-POSED TO USE IT LIKE THIS...
HAA... IT FEELS NICE... ♪


THAT LOOKS LIKE IT FEELS GOOD.
EH?
OOPS. DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD DO THAT

SAKURABA IS JUST AS I EXPECTED . LOOKS LIKE I HAVE TO REVISE MY STRATEGY...
GREAT, SHE'S GOING TO TRY IT TOO. . PERFECT!
!?
IF SAKURABA WERE TO BATHE IN THIS HOT WATER-FALL, THEN HER TOP WOULD ALSO FALL OFF!
YOU SHOULD TRY THIS, Y. YURIKA-CHAN, IT FEELS REALLY GOOD
SURE.
WELL THEN, I'LL TRY IT OUT, OKAY?
IT FEELS GREAT ♪
O.. OKAY..
HMM !?


WHAT WAS I THINKING...
UGH, I GUESS IT ISN'T GOING TO FALL OFF AFTER ALL...
N..NICE GUARD!
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HOWEVER, YOU COULD SAY THAT JUST BEING IN THE ONSEN WITH SAKURABA...
IS A STROKE OF LUCK...
!?
HM?

KYA!

WOAH!
AKIRA-CHAN ...
.....
AWW, NO WAY ...
HM?
KYA!
I CAN'T LIFT HER
BATH-TOWEL, BATH-TOWEL ...
AKIRA-CHAN DID IT AGAIN
W..WAIT, MOMOKO... TSUBAKI...

EH?
USE THIS.
PERHAPS TOO MUCH BLOOD RUSHED TO YOUR HEAD?
Y, YES, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY.
ARE YOU OKAY, AKIRA-CHAN?
T.. THANKS ...
ICE ...
HAVE A SAFE TRIP.
I THINK I'LL BE ALRIGHT IF I LIE DOWN FOR A WHILE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING ELSE FOR ME.
I SEE ...
WELL THEN, WE'LL GO AND SEE IF DINNER IS READY, OKAY?
.....

I..IT.. CAN I TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOME-THING..
IS THAT OKAY?
HMM!?
WHAT?
E EXCUSE ME SAKURA-BA-SAN
OKAY
.....
WELL, LET'S GO OVER THERE
.....
I GUESS IT'S OKAY..
THIS KIND OF ATMOSPHERE... TALK...
W..WHAT IN THE HELL IS GOING ON?
COULD IT BE THAT HE IS GOING TO CONFESS HIS FEELINGS TO SAKURABA!?

HE USED ME JUST SO HE COULD DO THAT!
SO THAT'S WHY HE WAS SO EAGER TO INVITE EVERYONE TO THE ONSEN!
I'LL CHANGE BACK INTO A MAN SO I CAN STOP THE CONFESSION!
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
?
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE KIKUCHI SAID ANYTHING...
S-SAKURA-BA?
AH...

W WHAT'S WITH THIS ATMOSPHERE
COULD IT BE HE ALREADY CONFESSED HIS LOVE?
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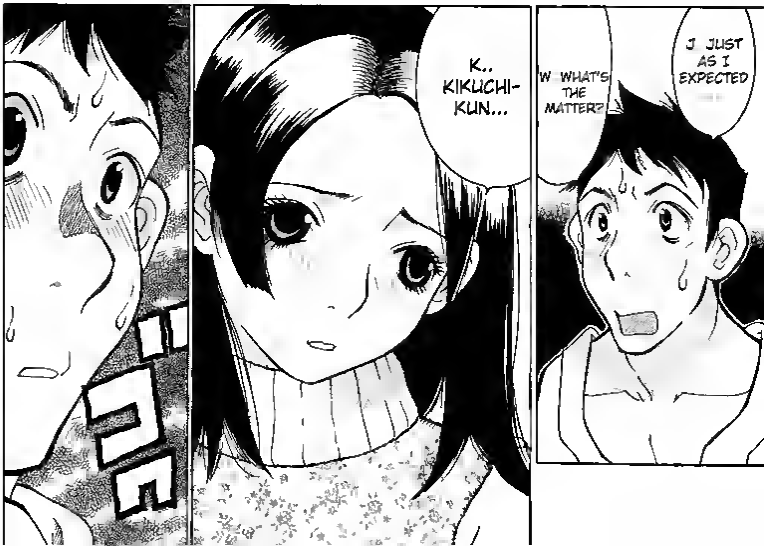
EH!
H HATSUSHIBA-KUN... I... KIKUCHI-KUN TOLD ME SOMETHING ..


K.. KIKUCHI-KUN...
W WHAT'S THE MATTER?
J JUST AS I EXPECTED

IT'S ABOUT AKIRA ...
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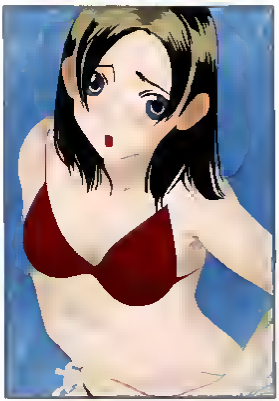
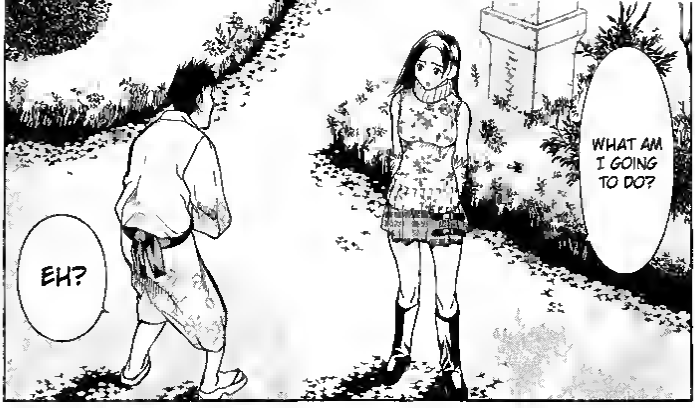
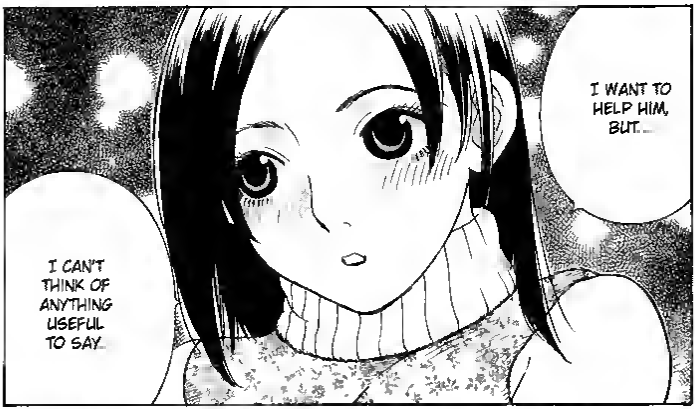
IT'S ABOUT HOW HE LIKES AKIRA-CHAN...
... WHAT!? IT'S ABOUT ME!?



WHAT!?
IT LOOKS LIKE KIKUCHI-KUN FELL IN LOVE WITH AKIRA-CHAN
...
K-KIKUCHI FEELS THAT WAY ABOUT ME?
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
IT HAPPENED THAT TIME AT THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL.

SECRET.8 - LET'S TALK ABOUT LOVE IN THE BATHROOM

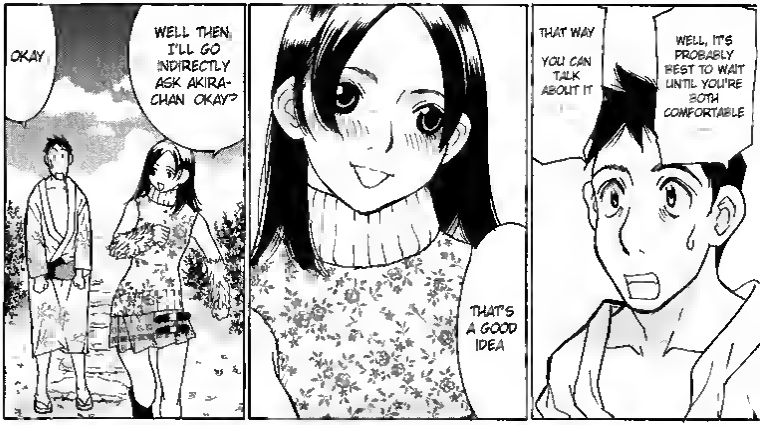

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
EH?


I WANT TO HELP HIM, BUT...
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING USEFUL TO SAY...

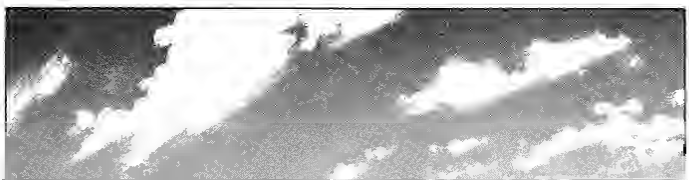
Y-YES?

WILL YOU HELP ME HATSUSHIBA-KUN?

AH... WELL... THAT...
SO CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING GOOD?
I'M SO GLAD!


OKAY
WELL THEN, I'LL GO INDIRECTLY ASK AKIRA-CHAN OKAY?
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA
THAT WAY YOU CAN TALK ABOUT IT
WELL, IT'S PROBABLY BEST TO WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE BOTH COMFORTABLE

THIS IS GETTING SERIOUS.



WHAT'S THE MATTER, YURIKA-CHAN?
EH?
OH?
WHERE DID AKIRA-CHAN GO?
WHY ARE YOU SO SWEATY?
OH, I JUST WENT FOR A LITTLE RUN.
I SEE ....
H-HERE IT COMES!
AT ANY RATE COULD I HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH YOU, AKIRA-CHAN?
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EH? IS THIS FOR REAL!?
SO WE CAN TALK!
IN ANY CASE, PERHAPS WE CAN GO INTO THE *ROTEMBURO.
*Rotemburo is just another word for open air bath/outdoor hot spring
SAKURABA AND I ARE GOING TO TAKE A B-A-T-H TOGETHER!
THIS IS A SURPRISE, A LUCKY ONE!
Y-YES...
YOU'RE ALL SWEATY, RIGHT?
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WOAH!
IF I SEE ANY MORE I'LL GET ANOTHER NOSEBLEED FOR SURE!
I'M NOT AGAINST IT I...
FIRST OF ALL, I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF SAKURADA—
I'LL TELL HER THAT I HAVE NO INTEREST IN KIKUCHI...

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OKAY
AKIRA-CHAN! OVER HERE OVER HERE!
AH- FEELS NICE, DOESN'T IT?
Y-YEAH
...

I NEED TO C-CALM DOWN.
STAY CALM, STAY CALM
AH, A DEER!
EH?

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO STAY CALM IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION?!!
WOAH!!

IT'S GONE ...
HEY, AKIRA-CHAN ...
Y-YES?
AKIRA-CHAN, DO YOU ..
?
UM ...
IS THERE...
ANYONE THAT YOU LIKE?

SOMEONE I-I LIKE
EH?
SA-SAKURA-
IS THAT SO...
N-NO, THAT IS ...
NOBODY IN PAR-TICULAR.
YURIKA, WHAT ABOUT YOU?
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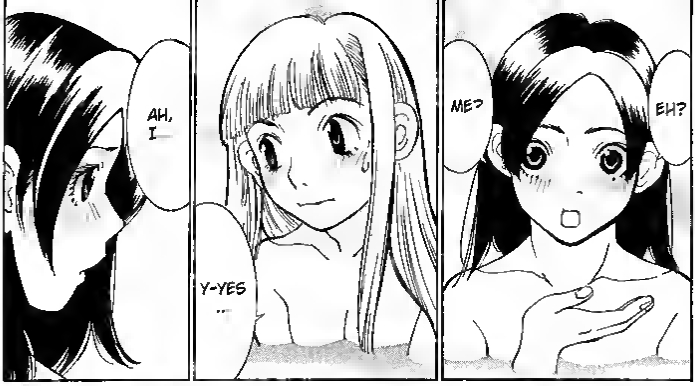
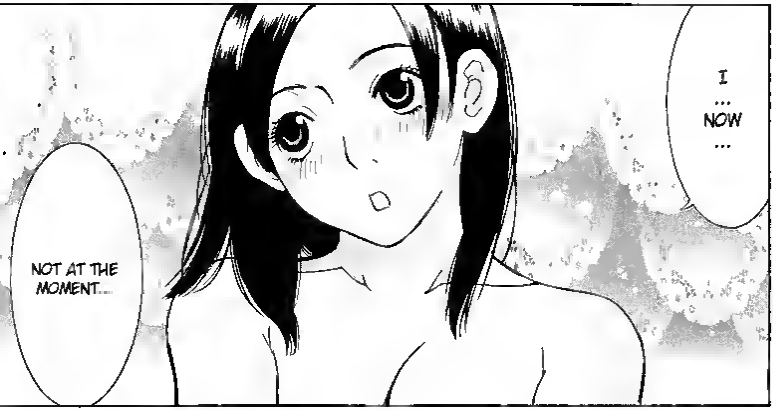
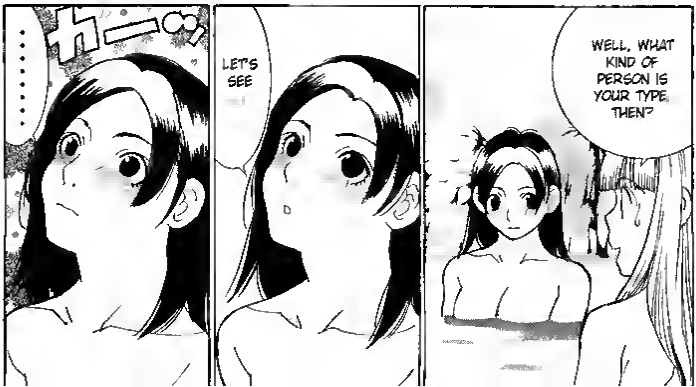

AH, I...
Y-YES ...
ME?
EH?


I ... NOW ...
NOT AT THE MOMENT...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LET'S SEE
WELL, WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS YOUR TYPE THEN?

I CAN'T SAY IT ....
WHAT'S WRONG? I WANNA KNOW ABOUT IT.
O-OKAY ...
YOU WON'T TELL THIS TO ANYBODY?
N-NOPE
AH, MY TYPE OF PERSON
DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI
.....
WELL ...
PERHAPS SOMEONE WHO WILL BE HONEST AND TELL ME THAT THE CAKES I MAKE ARE DELICIOUS

.....
S-SO THAT'S HOW IT IS....
Y-YES...
IT'S YOUR TURN SINCE I TOLD YOU MINE.
HOW ABOUT YOU AKIRA-CHAN?
M-ME?
WELL, I...
EH?

SOMEONE WHO CAN MAKE ME HAPPY JUST BY SMILING AT ME...
TO BE TREATED KINDLY...
LOVINGLY...
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SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...
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THANKS, AKIRA-CHAN
WHO IS SHE THINKING OF?!
WHAT A SURPRISE!

I-IT'S NO GOOD
SHE MISUN-DERSTOOD
SOMEONE MIGHT MAKE YOUR HEART SKIP A BEAT.
THAT'S RIGHT! I ONLY NEED TO PERSUADE KIKUCHI!
I'M BEAT. SHE MISUN-DERSTOOD THAT MATTER COMPLETELY.
THERE HE IS!
HM?
WHERE IS THAT GUY?

HM?

These are porn mags!

EH ... WELL ... THAT'S ...
KIKUCHI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

BECAUSE ... THAT ...
BECAUSE I FINALLY FOUND SOMEONE THAT I LIKE...

BECAUSE WHY?
HOWEVER, I DON'T NEED THESE THINGS BECAUSE...

THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S AS IT SEEMS, OKAY?!
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I WOULD HAVE WANTED THESE! THEY'RE IMPORTANT!

YOU COULD SAY... THAT I HEARD IT FROM SAKURABA ...

YOU KN-KNEW?
IS IT A-AKIRA?

...THIS GUY... IS SERIOUS ABOUT THIS...
THIS IS GETTING WAY OUT OF HAND!

AKIRA'S BODY IS SO CHILDLIKE.
PLUS, HER BREASTS ARE ALMOST NON-EXISTENT.
IT'S ALRIGHT EVEN IF IT'S LIKE THAT ...
DEAR GOD, HE'S TURNING INTO A MANIAC
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO TELL HER YOUR FEELINGS?
YES.
BUT, WHAT IF SHE DOESN'T FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT YOU?
STILL, I WANT TO SAY IT...
UH, IS THIS GUY FOR REAL?!
I'M GOING TO DO IT SO PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT NOBODY TELLS HER
EH?

AFTER DINNER
I'LL BE WAITING FOR HER HERE.
O-OKAY
I CAN'T BELIEVE KIKUCHI IS SO SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.
WHAT AM I GONNA DO?
AH, HATSUSHIBA-KUN.
EH?
SA-SAKURABA
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EH?
HOW DID IT GO?
WELL, THAT...
HE WANTS YOU TO TELL A-AKIRA TO COME TO THE GARDEN AFTER DINNER
EH, AH Y-YES, A LITTLE WHILE AGO ...
THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE TOLD?
YES.
HE'S GOING TO CONFESS HIS FEELINGS ...

AKIRA-CHAN AND KIKUCHI-KUN WOULD SUIT EACH OTHER REMARKABLY!
PERFECT!!
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO FROM HERE ON OUT?
AOI: really? I think they'd be better off as friends, but if you say so.
I HOPE THIS CONFESSION GOES WELL.
THIS MISUNDER-STANDING
KIKUCHI AND SAKURABA ARE ALRIGHT WITH IT. THIS IS A BIT MORE THAN I EXPECTED.
I CAN'T ALLOW THIS TO CONTINUE...

And, after dinner ...
DAMN IT, WHY DOES THIS MAKE ME FEEL SO NERVOUS?!
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT.
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AH, ENOUGH ALREADY ...
LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH SO I CAN GO BACK INSIDE.

YOU SEE ... THAT ...
EH?
WAS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?
HM?
OH NO. HERE IT COMES!
... SHE CAME.
SAKU-RABA?!
EH?
UM, I...

I... LIKE YOU, AKIRA-CHAN ...
HE S-SAID IT!
KYA ...
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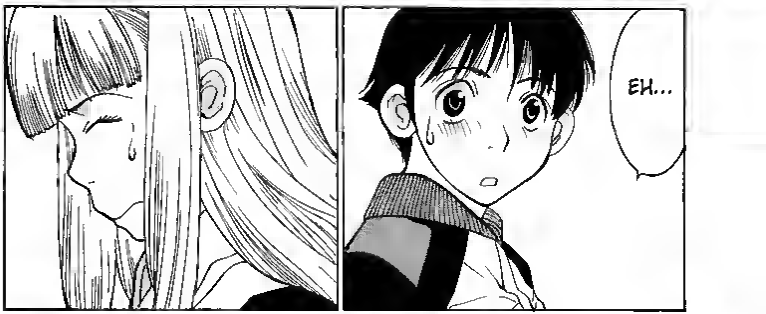
UH...

I-I'M SORRY.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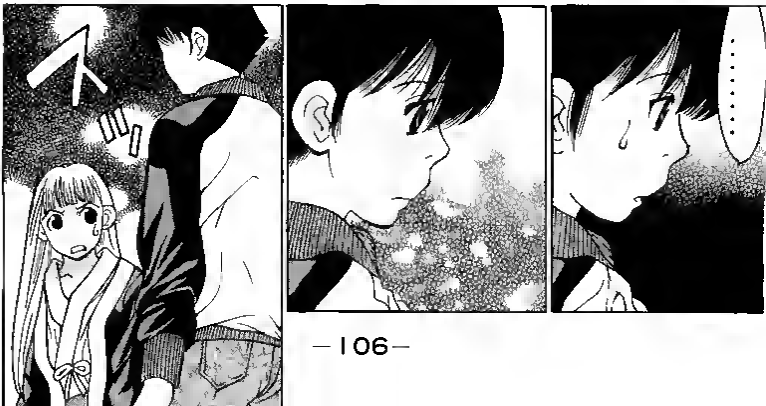
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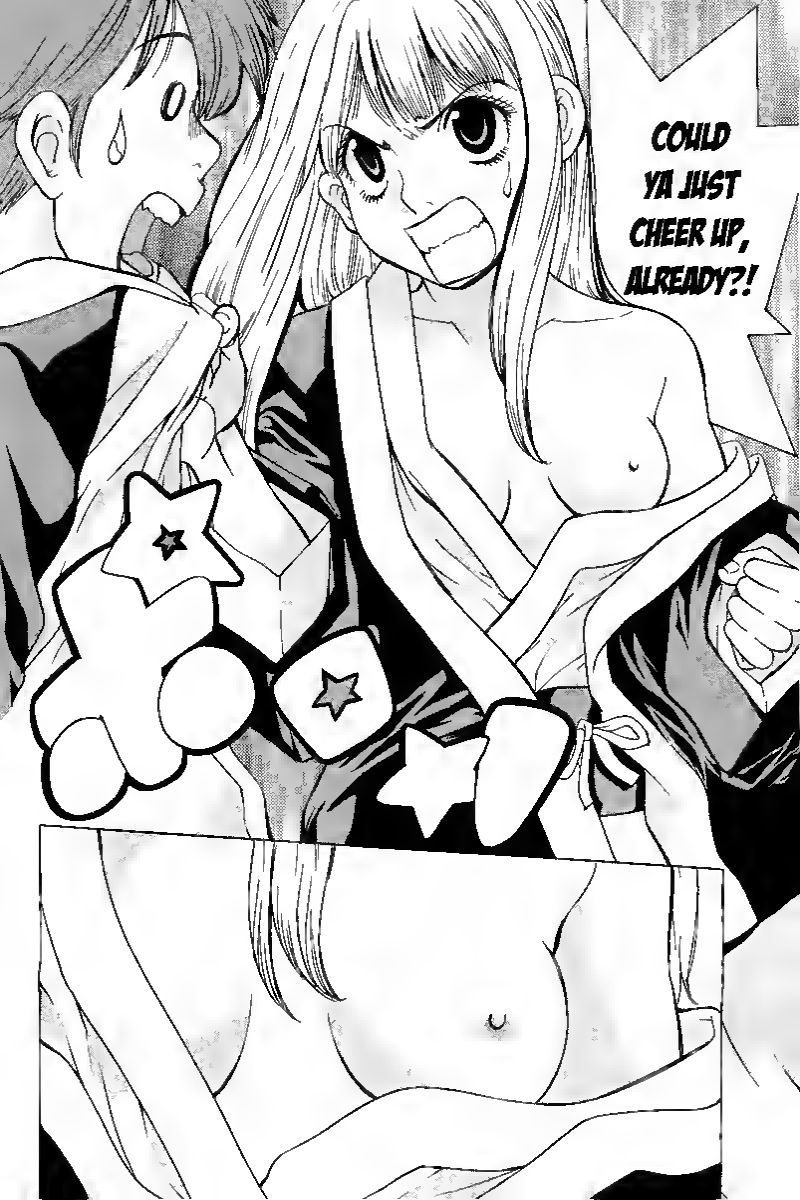
KIKUCHI...
SORRY ...
THAT WAS THE REASON... I CALLED YOU OUT HERE
O-OKAY.
CHEER UP, OKAY?
GETTING ALL MOPY LIKE THAT IS JUST
EVEN LIKING A GIRL AS MUCH HE DOES
AH...
KIKUCHI...


COULD YA JUST CHEER UP, ALREADY?!

AH!
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EH?
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS SEE YOU, AND IT MAKES ME FEEL BETTER.
JUST AS I THOUGHT, YOU'RE QUITE AMAZING ...
O-OKAY...
THANK YOU. I'LL SEE YOU LATER
!?
YOU HANDLED THAT WELL.

YURIKA-CHAN ...
SORRY, I CAME BECAUSE I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
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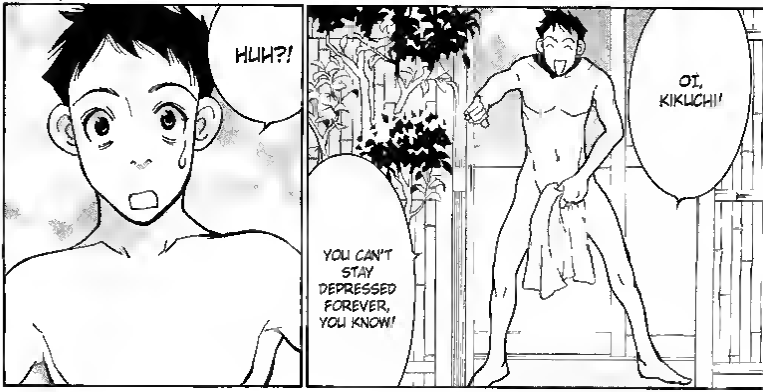
O-OKAY.
THAT KID UNDERSTANDS AKIRA-CHAN'S WONDERFUL POINTS
EH?
HA HA HA ♪

YEAH
HOWEVER... WHEN SOMEONE LIKES YOU, IT CAN GET TO BE TROUBLESOME...
EH?
BUT... I'M A LITTLE ENVIOUS OF KIKUCHI-KUN
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO FALL IN LOVE TOO...

I'M ALREADY IN LOVE WITH YOU...
SAKURABA
O-OH, THAT'S RIGHT...
HOWEVER, I WONDER IF KIKUCHI-KUN IS OKAY?
I'LL ASK HATSUSHIBA-KUN TO COMFORT HIM FOR ME.
OKAY.
...THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR ME...
SO SAKURABA HAS AN INTEREST IN LOVE.

AOP: *whimpers*



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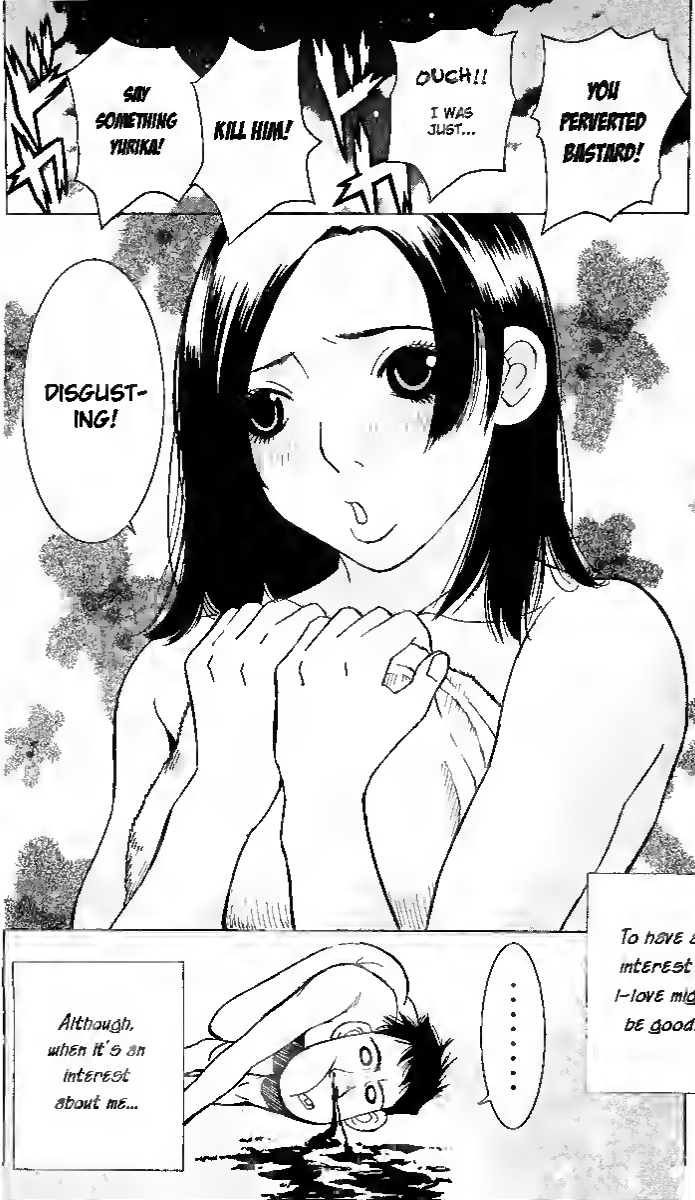
AHHH!


YOU PERVERTED BASTARD!
OUCH!!
I WAS JUST...
KILL HIM!
SAY SOMETHING YURIKA!
DISGUST-ING!
To have an interest in I-love might be good...
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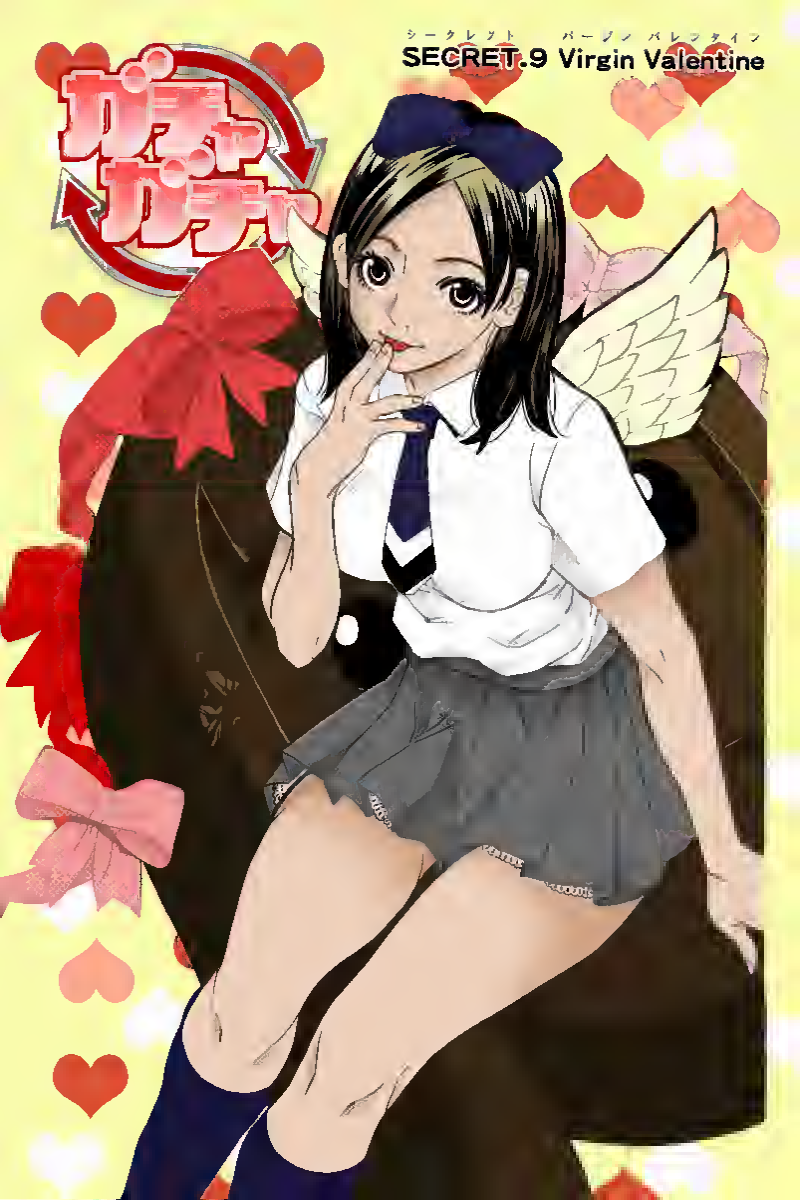
Although, when it's an interest about me...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IT'S GOING TO BE VALENTINE'S DAY PRETTY SOON, ISN'T IT?
THIS SEASON HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE VERY DIS-APPOINTING FOR MEN ...

Y-YOU CAN SAY THAT ...
YOU'RE SO GREAT, AKIRA! SIMPLY AMAZING!

I DOUBT IT ..
WILL I GET SOMETHING?

DO YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE SOMETHING FROM ANYONE, AKIRA?
UH ...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT, KIKUCHI?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, I WAS THINKING ...
HOW NICE IT WOULD BE TO RECEIVE SOMETHING FROM A CERTAIN SOMEONE.
IS HE TALKING ABOUT ME?
DO YOUR BEST!
EVEN IF IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
SEE YOU LATER, AKIRA!
OH, SEE YOU LATER
SIGH ... VALENTINE'S DAY, HUH?

AH, WHAT AM I THINKING?
YEAH, RIGHT, LIKE THAT COULD ACTUALLY HAPPEN
THIS COULD BE THE YEAR THAT SAKURABA MIGHT
please accept this
WHY SHOULD I BE LONELY?
WHEN I COULD GO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE ROCK-STOCK
GOOD AFTER-NOON!
HEY! CHECK OUT THESE CHOCOLATES, AKIRA-CHAN!
AREN'T THEY AMAZING?!
WOW!

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT ...
YOU COULD SAY THAT ...
YOU'RE GIVING ALL OF THOSE OUT?
SAKURABA, TOO?
TSUBAKI IS SO SWEET, ISN'T SHE? YOU KNOW, IF YOU HAND THOSE OUT, THEY WON'T LAST LONG.
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IT'S THE QUALITY, THE QUALITY! AFTER ALL I ONLY USE GODIVA* YOU KNOW.
*GODIVA: A FANCY BRAND OF BOXED CHOCOLATES
HOW ABOUT YOU AKIRA-CHAN?
ME?

AH, I DIDN'T BRING ANY ...
EH?
I BET SHE'S GOING TO GIVE SOME TO KIKUCHI!
LIKE HELL I WILL!
HOW ABOUT YOU, Y-YURIKA-CHAN?
ME?
YES.
UMM ...
.....

I DIDN'T PREPARE ANYTHING ...
O-OH, IS THAT SO?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THESE TWO, SERIOUSLY!
VALENTINE'S DAY IS KIND OF A GIRL'S THING, AFTER ALL
IT'S FINE, DON'T WORRY
HA HA
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE PREPARED ANY OBLIGATION CHOCOLATES
I GUESS THAT'S LIFE I CAN'T ALWAYS WIN ...
HUH ?

WELL, LET'S SEE, IT'S TOMORROW...
YURIKA, HOW'S THAT THING WITH THE MAN COMING?
THAT OLD MAN FREAKS ME OUT EVERY TIME WITH THAT SCARY FACE OF HIS...
WAH!
OKAY.
IS THAT SO? WELL, I'LL BE EXPECTING IT.
IS GOING TO LET ME START TESTING CAKES!
MY UNCLE...
!
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
HOWEVER, I'M GOING TO NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!
WHAT?
YEAH
I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT.
THAT'S AMAZING!

I WANT YOU ALL TO COME TO A FEW RESTAURANTS AND TRY DIFFERENT KINDS OF CAKE WITH ME!
GEEZ, THAT'S SO MEAN!
YEAH, ME TOO
AH, I CAN'T! I'M CURRENTLY ON A DIET!
UH...
WHY?
!?
Y-YOU SHOULD DECLINE IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU...
EH?
HOW ABOUT YOU, KIRA-CHAN?
AH, NO, THAT...
HEY... CAN YOU DO IT OR NOT?

I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO HIM ...
I KNOW SOMEONE ELSE THAT WOULD LOVE TO ...
!
U-UMM, I CAN'T GO, HOWEVER ...
WAIT, THAT'S RIGHT!
I DON'T NEED TO BE THERE 'S A GIRL
WELL THEN I'LL GO TELL HIM THAT, OKAY?
WELL, IF IT'S YOUR FRIEND, THEN I GUESS IT'S OKAY!
I SEE
I'LL GET TO GO EAT CAKES WITH SAKURABA WHILE, I'M A MAN.
THIS IS MY LUCKY CHANCE
OKAY
CAFE
WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, THIS IS EVEN BETTER THAN WAITING FOR SOME CHOCOLATES!

And then, on valentines day ...
SHE'S HERE!
SAKURABA IS GOING TO BE COMING AROUND TH-THIS CORNER ...
C-CALM DOWN ...
CALM DOWN ...
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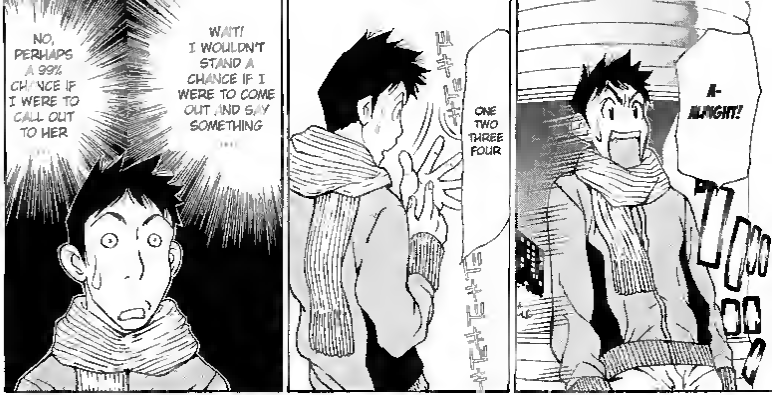
NO, PERHAPS A 99% CHANCE IF I WERE TO CALL OUT TO HER
WAIT! I WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE IF I WERE TO COME OUT AND SAY SOMETHING
ONE TWO THREE FOUR
A-ALRIGHT!

!?
EXCUSE ME
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I WANT TO BELIEVE IT'S POSSIBLE BUT I THINK I MADE A SERIOUS MISTAKE!
IT'S NO GOOD EVEN IF THERE IS A 99% CHANCE

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I THOUGHT THAT THE GUY STANDING HERE LOOKED ALOT LIKE YOU!
AH, JUST AS I THOUGHT, IT'S HATSUSHIBA-KUN!

I-I... REALLY LOVE CAKE... SHORT CAKE, ICHIGO CAKE, AND EVEN STRAWBERRY CAKE.
EH?
COULD IT BE ... THE PERSON AKIRA-CHAN WAS TALKING ABOUT ...
IS YOU?
ICHIGO MEANS STRAWBERRY, REJOICE IN REDUNDANCY!
I THOUGHT IT WAS A CHARMING IDEA
NOT GOOD
So, that's how it is
EH?
WELL THEN, LET'S GO!
EH?

MAN, WHAT A RELIEF
I GUESS THINGS TURNED OUT OK
RIGHT NOW I'M WALKING WITH SAKURABA
WELL, LET'S START WITH THIS SHOP, OKAY?
W-WHAT'S WITH THIS SHOP
THERE ARE ALWAYS COUPLES HERE
EXCUSE ME, I'LL HAVE THE SHORT CAKE AND SHIWON BLACK TEA, PLEASE
OK
EVEN JUST BEING IN THE COMPANY OF SUCH A BEAUTIFUL GIRL
BEING SEEN IN A SHOP LIKE THIS WITH SAKURABA

EH?
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG?
!
NO THAT'S BECAUSE I'M SO NERVOUS
T-THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN TO A SHOP LIKE THIS WITH A GIRL
HMM?
AH
THIS IS A FIRST ... FOR ME TOO ...
IS THAT SO

HA HA
HA HA HA
I USUALLY GO TO PLACES LIKE THIS WITH TSUBAKI AND MOMOKO... BUT THEY COULDN'T MAKE IT
OH YEAH, THOSE TWO I WONDER WHY THEY WERE SO DESPERATE NOT TO COME
SO
BUT, THERE ARE SO MANY COUPLES HERE THAT I WOULD FEEL AWKWARD IF I CAME ALONE
I'M GLAD YOU CAME WITH ME, HATSUSHIBA-KUN.
WELL
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THINGS BEING WHAT THEY ARE
THIS IS ALMOST LIKE A DATE
I'M SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU WAITING
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EH?
HEY, IS IT ALRIGHT IF I TAKE A BITE?
IT'S GOOD...
WELL, IN THAT CASE
YEAH GO FOR IT
I SEE...
SAKURABA'S FORK IS IN MY CAKE...

T-THIS TIME SAKURABA'S... FORK...
EH?
HEY HATSU-SHIBA-KUN... TASTE THIS AND TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK OF IT.
AH
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HOW WAS IT?
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D-DELICIOUS

IT'S REALLY PLEASANT TRYING FOOD AT DIFFERENT RESTAURANTS.
IT IS, ISN'T IT?
WELL THEN LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SHOP
OKAY
MILKY WAY
ECLAIR CAFE
FRAMBOISE*
FLAN
ORANGE SHIWON
BANANA SIBUSUTO
*French for raspberry
I'M NOT FEELIN' TOO GREAT, ANYMORE
UGH

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DELICIOUS!
D-DO YOU DO THIS OFTEN?
!
YES, BECAUSE ...
I REALLY LOVE CAKE!
I- I SEE ...
SO THAT'S WHY THOSE TWO WANTED NO PART IN THIS ...
UHH ...

I HAVE A FEELING THAT I GAINED SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT
AT ANY RATE, I GOT TO SEE A REALLY INTERESTING SIDE OF SAKURABA
EH
WELL THEN, LET'S MOVE ON, SHALL WE?
IT'S REALLY QUITE IMPRESSIVE, SAKURABA
I CAN'T BELIEVE EATING CAKE ALL THE TIME HAS NO IMPACT ON YOUR FIGURE
.....
UHH
I'M NOT FEELING TOO HOT
NOW THAT WE'VE EATEN!
I'VE ONLY HAD TO ADJUST MY BELT BY ONE NOTCH
!
THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, RIGHT?

EH?
AH
HA HA
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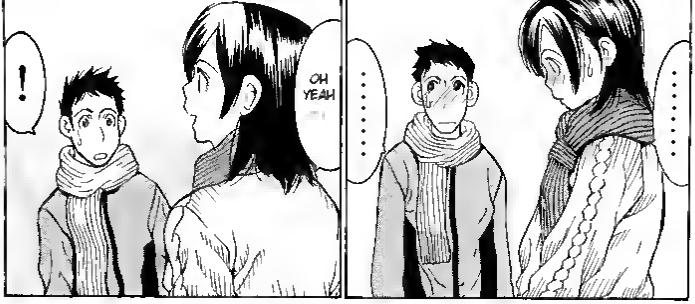
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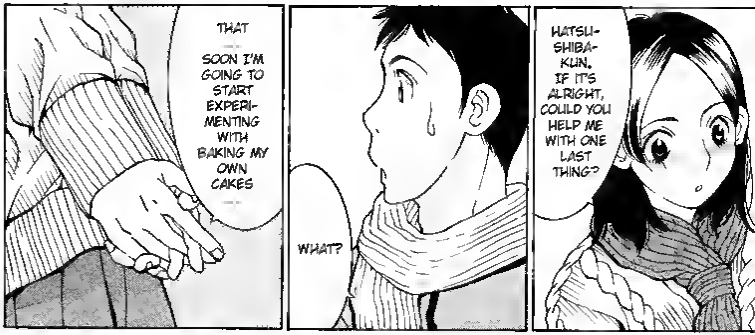
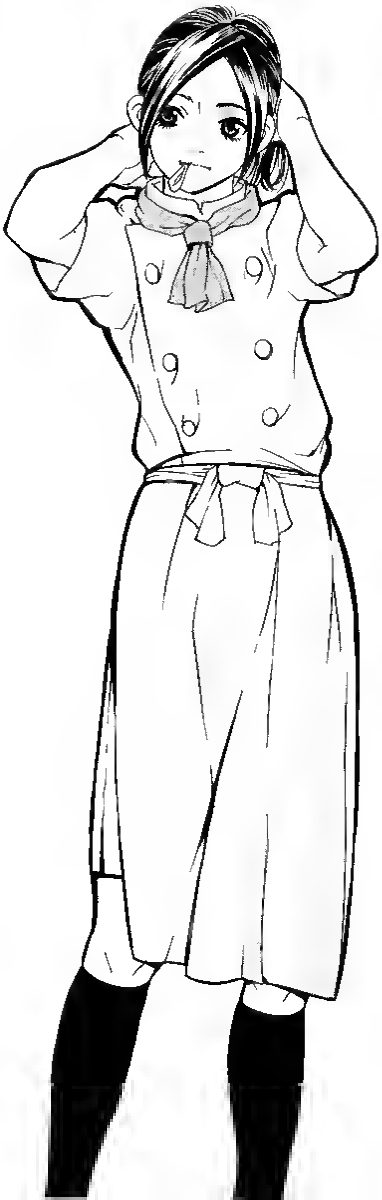
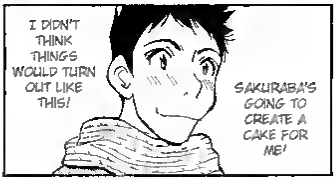

THAT SOON I'M GOING TO START EXPERIMENTING WITH BAKING MY OWN CAKES
WHAT?
HATSUSHIBA-KUN, IF IT'S ALRIGHT, COULD YOU HELP ME WITH ONE LAST THING?

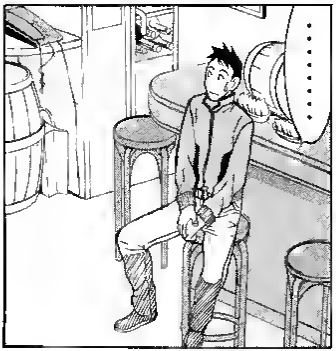
WELL I GUESS THAT'S ALRIGHT
EH?
WOULD IT BE ALRIGHT IF I LEFT THE TASTING UP TO YOU?
REALLY?! THANKS SO MUCH! YOU'RE A BIG HELP!



WELL THEN, LET'S HURRY BACK TO THE ROCKSTOCK!
AH


I DIDN'T THINK THINGS WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THIS!
SAKURABA'S GOING TO CREATE A CAKE FOR ME!

ROCKS
CAF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SORRY TO MAKE YOU WAIT!

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SAKURABA PATISSIER'S STYLE
THIS IS THE F-FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THIS
*pastry chef
I GUESS IT FEELS A LITTLE
EMBARRASSING ...
WELL THEN CAN YOU PEEL THAT APPLE FOR ME?
I-I'LL HELP, TOO
WELL THEN, I GUESS I'LL GET STARTED
I JUST HAVE TO PEEL THIS APPLE RIGHT?
OK!

I WONDER IF I DID OK ON THIS APPLE?

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NO
THAT IS
I WAS JUST
IMPRESSED
BY HOW YOU
GO ABOUT
COOKING
EH?
IS
SOMETHING
WRONG?
IT'S REALLY
NOTHING
TO BE
IMPRESSED
BY

AHH!
OH NO!
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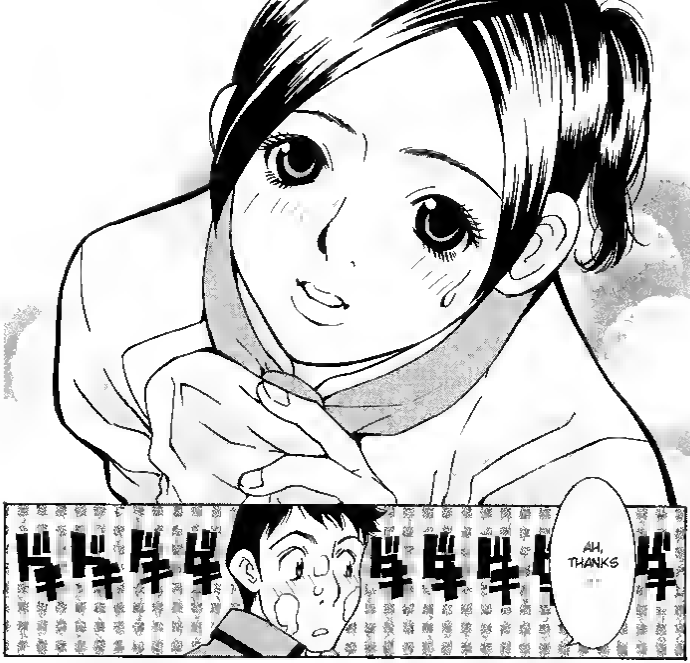
!?
SORRY ABOUT THAT, HATSUSHIBA-KUN.


AH, THANKS

AH, I FORGOT TO PULL IT OUT OF THE OVEN
HOT HOT HOT —
SAKURA-SAN USED HER APRON ON MY FOREHEAD
WHILE I WAS A GUY!
OOH!

IT'S FINALLY DONE!
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WOW
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HM?
PLEASE SAMPLE THIS FOR ME!

WELL THEN. I GUESS I'LL HAVE A TASTE
AH, AAH
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H-HOW WAS IT?
IT'S GREAT!
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SINCE IT'S VALENTINES DAY, I DECIDED TO USE CHOCOLATE AS THE MAIN INGREDIENT
WAS THAT CHOCOLATE CAKE?
I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT!
EH?
YES

FOR ME?
COULD THIS POSSIBLY BE
DOES THAT MEAN
EH!?

I UNDERSTAND, IT'S NOT TRUE
!
AH, NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE
TO PUT IT SIMPLY
I-IT ISN'T LIKE THAT BECAUSE
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS IS ABOUT
HAA
.....
AH, WELL, IT ISN'T LIKE THAT BECAUSE
THAT'S NOT TRUE

I am obligated!
It's because it came out so well!
S-SO IT'S A DEBT OF GRATITUDE
EH?

SINCE I MADE SO MUCH, YOU CAN TAKE THE REST HOME WITH YOU, AS A DEBT OF GRATITUDE.
ROCK STOCK
ROCK STOCK
AH, THAT'S RIGHT, THIS
AH, THANK YOU ...
W-WELL THEN, I'LL BE ON MY WAY
THANKS FOR HELPING ME TODAY, HATSUSHIBA-KUN ...
AAH ...

OBLIGATION CHOCOLATES
ROCK STOCK
STOCK
OOOH
ROCK STOCK
I GOT A VALENTINE'S CHOCOLATE FROM SAKURABA!

OH NO
DAMN
ROCK STACK
I NEED TO RETURN TO NORMAL
HMM
AH
!

YOU'RE WRONG. THIS IS FOR ME-
AKIRA-CHAN GOT THIS FOR ME?!
SO YOU DO CARE!
ROCK STOCK
ROCK STOCK
WAIT A MINUTE, THAT'S MINE!
ROCK STOCK

PRETTY
♪
IT REALLY IS GREAT, ISN'T IT?

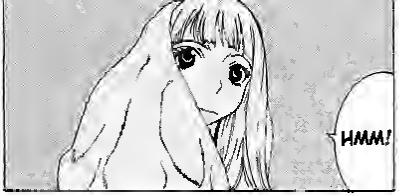
LET'S DO THAT!
HANAMI SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA!
THAT'S RIGHT, ISN'T IT TIME FOR *HANAMI?
*hanami : cherry blossom viewing
IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF IT WAS TAKEN...
THIS SPOT IS QUITE POPULAR, THOUGH.
HEY, ISN'T THAT HATSUSHIBA AND KIKUCHI OVER THERE?
HMM ?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
HERE THEY ARE, KIKUCHI!
REALLY ?
WOW! IT'S A MOUNTAIN OF TREASURE! YOU'RE UNBELIEVABLE, AKIRA!
I WAS TOLD THAT PEOPLE OFTEN THROW AWAY THEIR ERO BOOKS BEHIND THIS HILL
SCREAM

!?
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
IT'S LIKE THAT OVER HERE AS WELL!
GRR... HOWEVER, THEY'RE DIFFICULT TO OPEN AFTER THEY WERE LEFT OUT IN THE RAIN
S...SAKURABA, TSUBAKI, AND MOMOKO!?
N... NOTHING YOU SHOULD CONCERN YOURSELF WITH...
WHAT'S THAT?
AH... WELL, WE'RE SCOUTING THIS AREA...

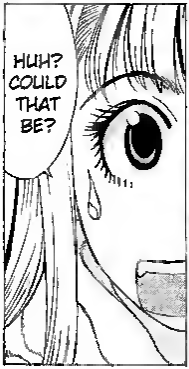
WHAT'S THAT? IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, THEN SAY IT...
WE HAPPEN TO BE BUSY...
HMPH ...
WELL... CAN YOU EXPLAIN THINGS TO THIS GUY FOR ME, YURIKA?
WELL ...
WELL THEN, ASK THEM.
IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE GOT TOGETHER .
DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE NICE TO VIEW THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS?
W... WITH US?
YES.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! SAKURABA INVITED US FOR HANAMI!
I G. GUESS WE'LL GO, SINCE YOU INSISTED...
I WOULD BE HONORED!
WELL THEN WE'LL DO THAT TOMORROW.
SO PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS SPOT ISN'T TAKEN, OKAY?
SEE YA.
EH!
PROBLEM SOLVED, RIGHT?
IT'S SO CONVENIENT WHEN YOU DEAL WITH SIMPLE MINDED PEOPLE.
SO THAT'S WHAT THIS WAS ABOUT...
WHICH ONE OF US SHOULD STAY HERE TO MAKE SURE THIS SPOT ISN'T TAKEN?
GRR...

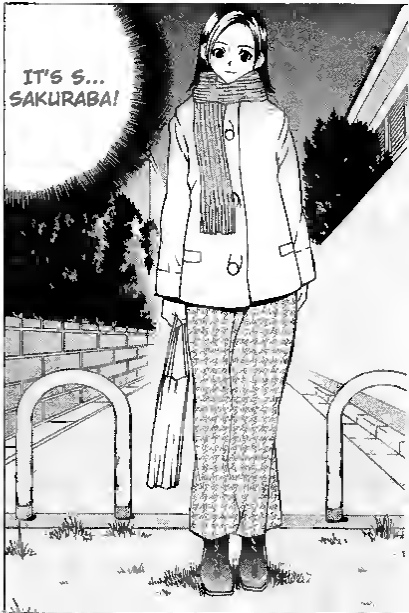
WELL... I GUESS IT'S GOOD TO REMOVE THOSE TROUBLESOME THINGS FROM HERE...
WHEN I CAN ENJOY HANAMI WITH SAKURABA...
AH, WAIT, KIKUCHI!
LEAVE ME SOME OF THOSE ERO BOOKS!
SEE YA, I'LL LEAVE IT UP TO YOU, AKIRA!
Ahh, I got lunch...
HOW WONDERFUL!
HANAMI WITH SAKURABA ...
And so, early morning... of the next day...
AAH-CHOO!
OOH... SO COLD!
Why does it have to be so cold this time in the morning?


HMM!

GEEZ, THEY'RE RIGHT WHEN THEY SAY THAT IT GETS COLD IN APRIL ...


HUH? COULD THAT BE?

YO!
SHE MUST'VE CAME HERE TO CHECK UP ON ME ...


IT'S S... SAKURABA!

EH?

DAMN IT, I TRANS-FORMED!
HUH ?!
WHY ARE YOU HERE, AKIRA-CHAN...?
I...IS THAT SO...
I WAS THINKING OF INVITING YOU TOO, AKIRA-CHAN, BUT YOU DIDN'T COME TO THE CAFE YESTERDAY ...
I SEE...
AH, WELL THAT'S BECAUSE... HATSUSHIBA-KUN ASKED ME...
I SEE...
WELL...UMM... I THINK HE'LL COME BACK SOON...
EH?
WHERE'S HATSU-SHIBA-KUN?

YEP.
IT'S WARM ...
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TH... THANKS ...
YOU SHOULD DRINK THIS SINCE IT'S SO COLD.
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I THINK HATSUSHIBA-KUN WILL BE BACK SOON ...
DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE ALRIGHT.
BUT...
THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT HERE, YURIKA-CHAN..
I THINK YOU SHOULD GO BACK SINCE IT'S SO COLD
SEE YOU LATER!
OKAY!
WELL THEN, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU, OKAY?
OKAY ...

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NOW THAT THE HILL IS EMPTY, I'LL RETURN TO BEING A MAN...
WHEW
THAT WASN'T GOOD...
THAT'S RIGHT, I FORGOT TO DO ONE IMPORTANT THING.
HMM?
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EH?
HATSU-SHIBA-KUN... WHERE'S AKIRA-CHAN...
SHE CAME B...BACK!
AH, WELL, UMM SHE LEFT TO B BUY SOMETHING...

THAT'S RIGHT... I FORGOT TO GIVE THIS TO YOU.
I SEE ...
A HEATING PAD!
O... OH...
USE IT, OKAY!
THANK YOU...
SEE YOU LATER ..
O.. OKAY .
.....

IT'S SO WARM!
HEHE!
SAKURABA CARES ABOUT ME...
I WONDER WHAT'S UP WITH AKIRA-CHAN AND HATSUSHIBA-KUN.
WHY ARE THOSE TWO ON SUCH GOOD TERMS?
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AKIRA-CHAN, MORNING!
HANAMI IS JUST STARTING!
OO... OOH...
HUH! WAIT, THIS HAIR...
I MUST'VE TRANS-FORMED WHILE I WAS ASLEEP...
W... WELL... IT WAS COLD, AFTER ALL...
OOPS, I HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION...
I NEED TO KEEP MYSELF FROM SNEEZING, NO MATTER HOW COLD IT GETS!
!!?
THAT'S RIGHT, I PREPARED A BOXED LUNCH.
GOOD THINKING, YURIKA!

AAH, IT LOOKS DELI-CIOUS! ♡
I DON'T KNOW HOW IT TASTES ...
HEH!
S SAKURABA'S HOME COOKING ..
HMM ?
HEY, THIS IS ALCOHOL ...
!?
OKAY, HERE ARE THE DRINKS!
WELL THEN, LET'S BEGIN!
CHEERS!

GEEZ... YOU TWO...
HANAMI SHOULD BE ENJOYED WHILE DRINKING!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
SAKURABA'S FACE...
IS SLIGHTLY PINK...
I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE THIS MUCH FUN!
EVEN THOUGH THIS IS MY FIRST TIME AT HANAMI..

GAH!
I LOVE YOU, AKIRA!
BECOME MY WOMAN!
TH... THIS GUY HAS HAD TOO MUCH SAKE...
I'LL BRING YOU TO THE LAND OF PARADISE!
YOU CAN GO THERE ALONE!
HUH! HUH!
AKIRA-CHAN IS SO STRONG!
AMA-ZING!

GEEZ, HAVE YOU DONE IT WITH KIKUCHI?
HEY, HEY, I WANT TO KNOW SOMETHING AKIRA-CHAN
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS!
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H... HEY, YOU TWO, THAT'S ENOUGH!
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT?
WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW, AREN'T YOU STILL A VIRGIN?
THOSE TWO ARE TOTALLY DRUNK
IT'S SILK.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
オニ!
A GIRL SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE BASICS WHEN GOING OUTSIDE.
ISN'T IT CUSTOMARY TO PUT ON A PANTY CONTEST?

!?
HMPH!
IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO?
MINE ARE STRINGED PANTIES!
S... STRING...
THESE CAN EASILY MAKE ANY MAN CRAZY!
Y... YOU'VE DONE IT...
WHAT ABOUT YURIKA?
M... ME?

THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL.
IT'S OKAY, NOW THAT IT'S ONLY US GIRLS.
EH, BUT ...
!?
YEAH, WHY WON'T YOU SHOW US YURIKA?
SHOW US!
SAKURABA IS GOING TO...
EH!
ONLY A LITTLE..
.....
.....
YOU CAN DO IT, YURIKA!
DO IT! DO IT!
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THIS IS SO EMBAR-RASSING ...
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NO WAY! I KNEW I COULDN'T DO IT!
!?
I... I GUESS THAT'S HOW IT'S GOING TO BE...
IT CAN'T BE HELP-ED
DON'T WORRY, YURIKA!

KYAA!
LEAVE IT TO US! ♡

OOOH!
WOW, YOU HAVE SUCH CUTE PANTIES, YURIKA.
NO WAY!
!
!?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, AKIRA-CHAN?
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN, ISN'T IT?
Ah, me...
WOULD YOU MIND SHOWING US?
I GUESS THERE'S NO OTHER WAY.
UMM...
STRIP!
GIVE IT UP!

GYAA!
HUH... ISN'T THAT WHAT MEN USE?
IT'S NO FUN IF YOU WEAR THINGS LIKE THAT!
Y... YES...

HUH ?
THOSE TWO.. A... ARE SO HORRIBLE
I... I'LL REMEMBER THAT...
!?
DAMN IT! THAT'S RIGHT
EH!
THAT... I GAVE THAT TO HATSUSHIBA-KUN..
HUH... THAT'S A HEATING PAD...
I GOTTA THINK OF A GOOD EXPLAN-ATION...
SHE GAVE THAT HEATING PAD TO ME WHILE I WAS A MAN...
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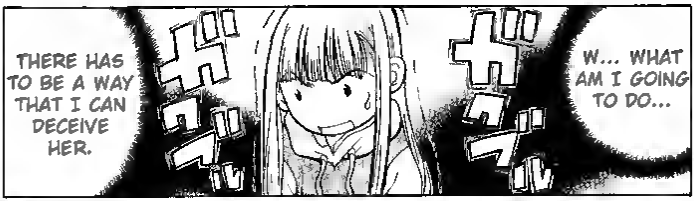
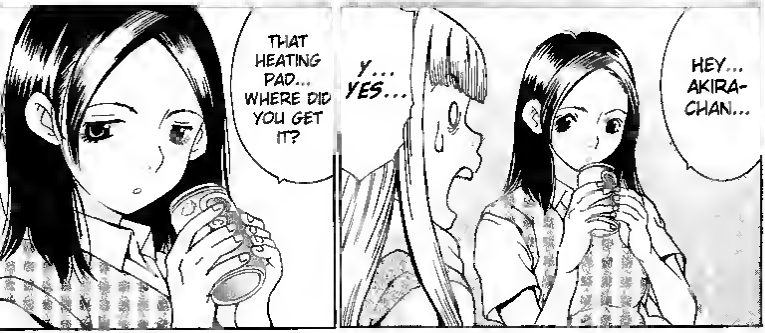
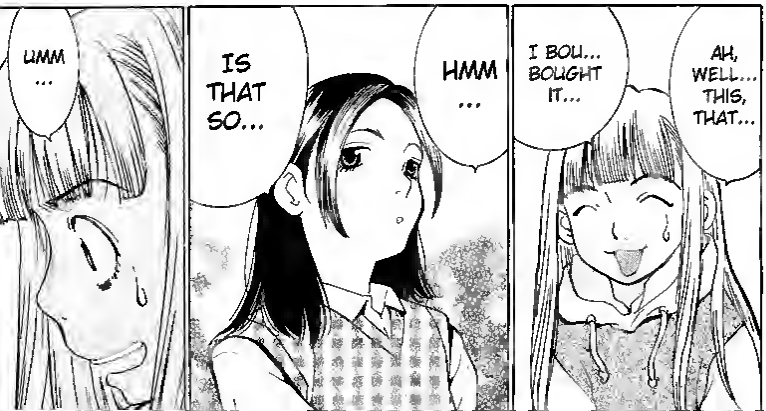
NOT GOOD!
SHE'S TOTALLY ANGRY!
IF THIS CONTINUES, THE TRUTH WILL BE EXPOSED...
AND IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN...
ALL THOSE INCIDENTS ...
YOU TRANSFORMED INTO A GIRL JUST SO YOU COULD PEEP ON US!
DISGUSTING! WE'LL MURDER YOU!
HOLD ON, YOU TWO!
WE SHOULDN'T BOTHER WITH SUCH A DESPICABLE CREATURE.
SO LET'S LEAVE IT UP TO THE LAW.

Peeping Boy Given Death Penalty.
Hatsushiba Akira (17)


W... WHAT AM I GOING TO DO...
THERE HAS TO BE A WAY THAT I CAN DECEIVE HER.


HEY... AKIRA-CHAN...
Y... YES...
THAT HEATING PAD... WHERE DID YOU GET IT?


AH, WELL... THIS, THAT...
I BOU... BOUGHT IT...
HMM...
IS THAT SO...
UMM...

I GUESS HE ISN'T GOING TO COME V.. VERY SOON ...
H.. HE'S PROBABLY LATE.
EH!
WHICH REMINDS ME, HATSUSHI-BA-KUN HASN'T SHOWN UP YET...
I... I'M STILL UNDER SUSPICION, NOT GOOD... DAMN IT!
OKAY!
I'LL GO LOOK FOR HIM.
IF IT'S GOING TO BE LIKE THIS, I'LL RETURN TO BEING A MAN SO I CAN ANSWER ALL OF HER QUESTIONS..
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THANKS FOR WAITING FOR ME!
YOU'RE LATE, HATSU-SHIBA!
WELL, I WAS VERY BUSY..
UMM ...
SH... SHE'S STILL SUSPICIOUS OF ME...
.....
AAH, I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD RUN AWAY ...

HUH, WHERE'S AKIRA-CHAN?
!
OH, SHE ISN'T HERE?
I... I'LL GO LOOK.
OHH, SHE WALKED THAT WAY!
DON'T EVEN BOTHER!
CAN'T STAND BEING UNDER SAKURABA'S RUTHLESS STARE ANYMORE
BEING A GIRL IS BETTER THAN THIS
O... OVER HERE ...
EH!
SH... SHE'S FOLLOW-ING ME!
DAMN GOTTA FIND SOMEWHERE TO CHANGE
HUH?!

OVER HERE...
HE WENT INSIDE...
AHH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SAKURABA?!
KYAA!
S...SO SORRY!
THAT DID THE TRICK...
NOW I CAN HAVE SOME PEACE OF MIND...

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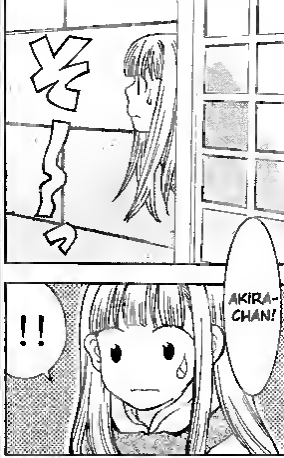
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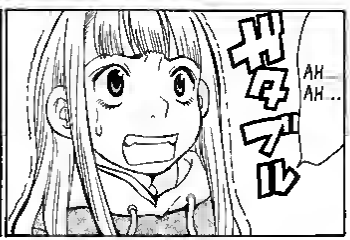
AKIRA-CHAN!

WHY WERE YOU IN THE MEN'S RESTROOM?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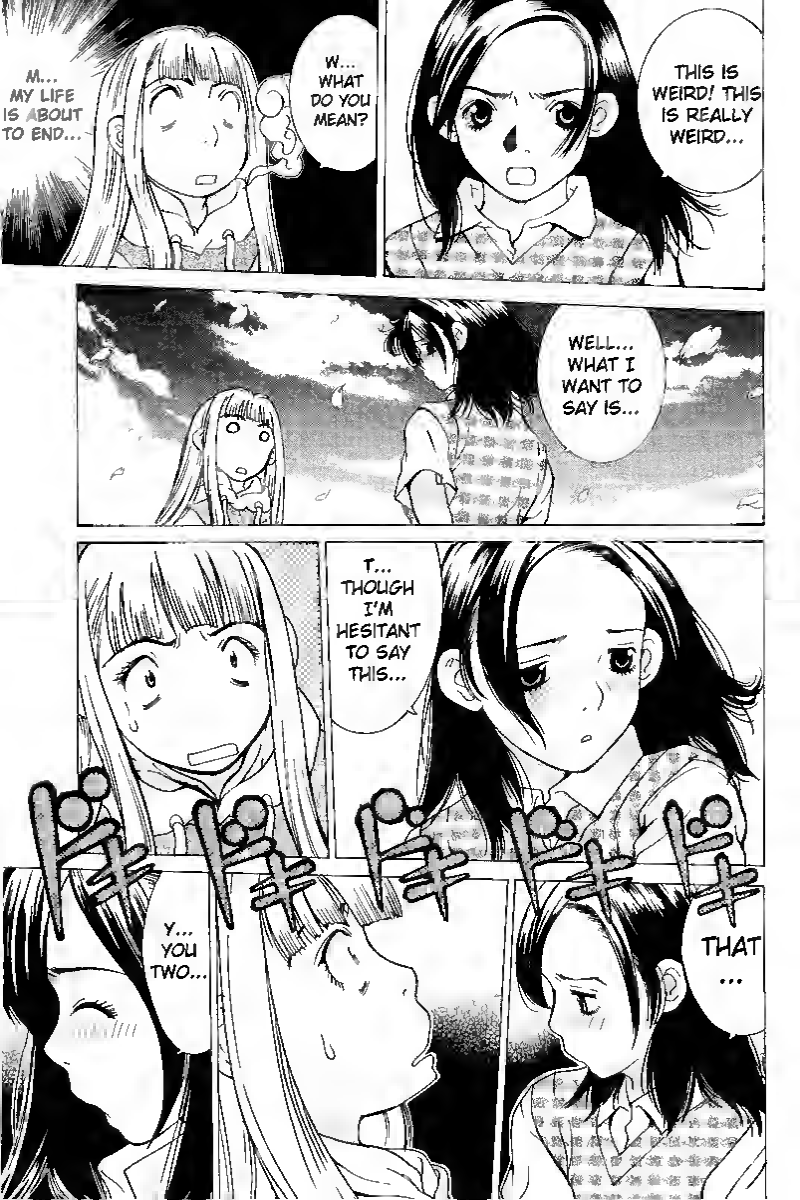
AH... AH...

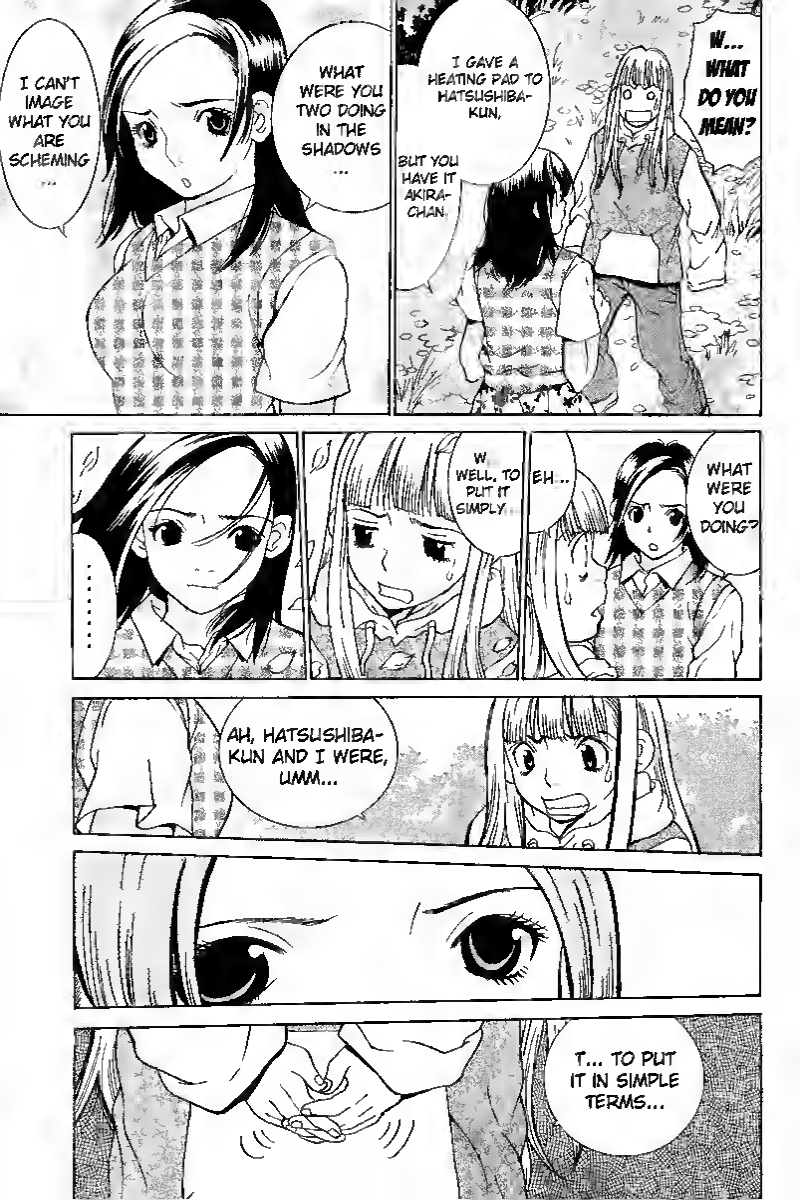
NO, THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
EH?

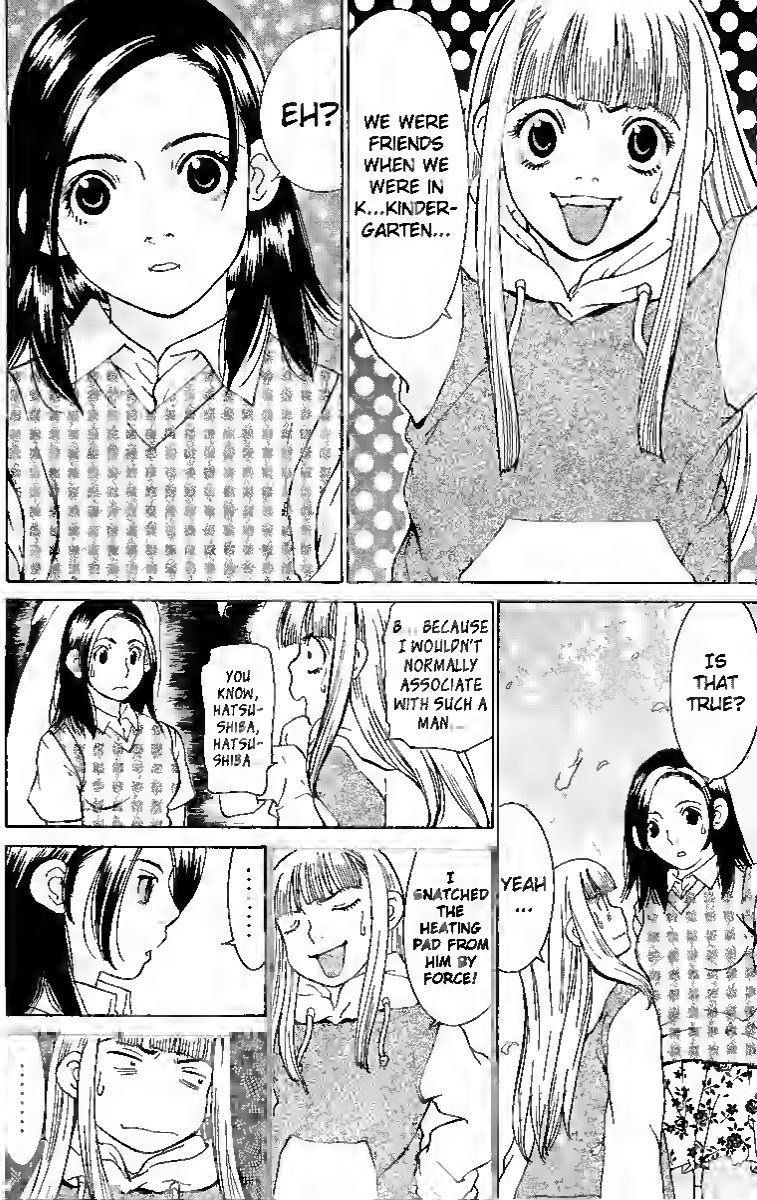
IS THAT SO...
Y... YES...

AH, WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE THE GIRL'S ONE IS FULL!


M... MY LIFE IS ABOUT TO END...
W... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THIS IS WEIRD! THIS IS REALLY WEIRD...
WELL... WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS...
T... THOUGH I'M HESITANT TO SAY THIS...
Y... YOU TWO...
THAT ...

ARE YOU MORE THAN JUST FRIENDS... MAYBE?
EH ?!


I CAN'T IMAGE WHAT YOU ARE SCHEMING ...
WHAT WERE YOU TWO DOING IN THE SHADOWS ...
I GAVE A HEATING PAD TO HATSUSHIBA-KUN,
BUT YOU HAVE IT AKIRA-CHAN.
W... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
.....
W, WELL, TO PUT IT SIMPLY
EH...
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
AH, HATSUSHIBA-KUN AND I WERE, UMM...
T... TO PUT IT IN SIMPLE TERMS...


EH?
WE WERE FRIENDS WHEN WE WERE IN K...KINDER-GARTEN...
IS THAT TRUE?
YEAH...
I SNATCHED THE HEATING PAD FROM HIM BY FORCE!
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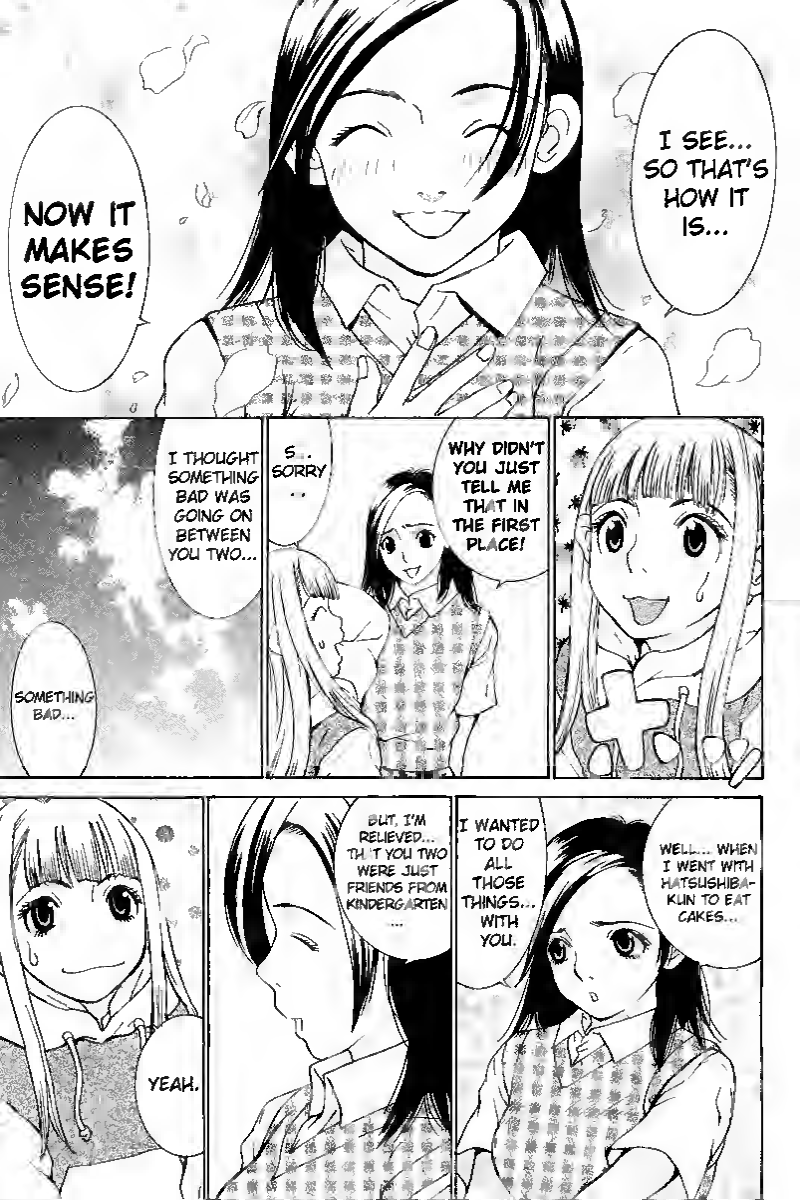
YOU KNOW, HATSU-SHIBA, HATSU-SHIBA
B...BECAUSE I WOULDN'T NORMALLY ASSOCIATE WITH SUCH A MAN...


I SEE... SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...
NOW IT MAKES SENSE!
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST TELL ME THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE!
S.. SORRY..
I THOUGHT SOMETHING BAD WAS GOING ON BETWEEN YOU TWO...
SOMETHING BAD...
I WANTED TO DO ALL THOSE THINGS... WITH YOU.
WELL... WHEN I WENT WITH HATSUSHIBA-KUN TO EAT CAKES...
BUT, I'M RELIEVED... TH T YOU TWO WERE JUST FRIENDS FROM KINDERGARTEN ...
YEAH.

I'M A LITTLE...
.....
BUT, TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH...
ENVIOUS ...
EH?
LET'S GO!
OKAY.
SAKURABA IS ENVIOUS OF ME!!

IT WAS ONLY ABOUT ENVY!
IT'S ALL OVER NOW.
EITHER WAY...
ANYWAYS, I'M PRETTY HAPPY LIKE THIS...
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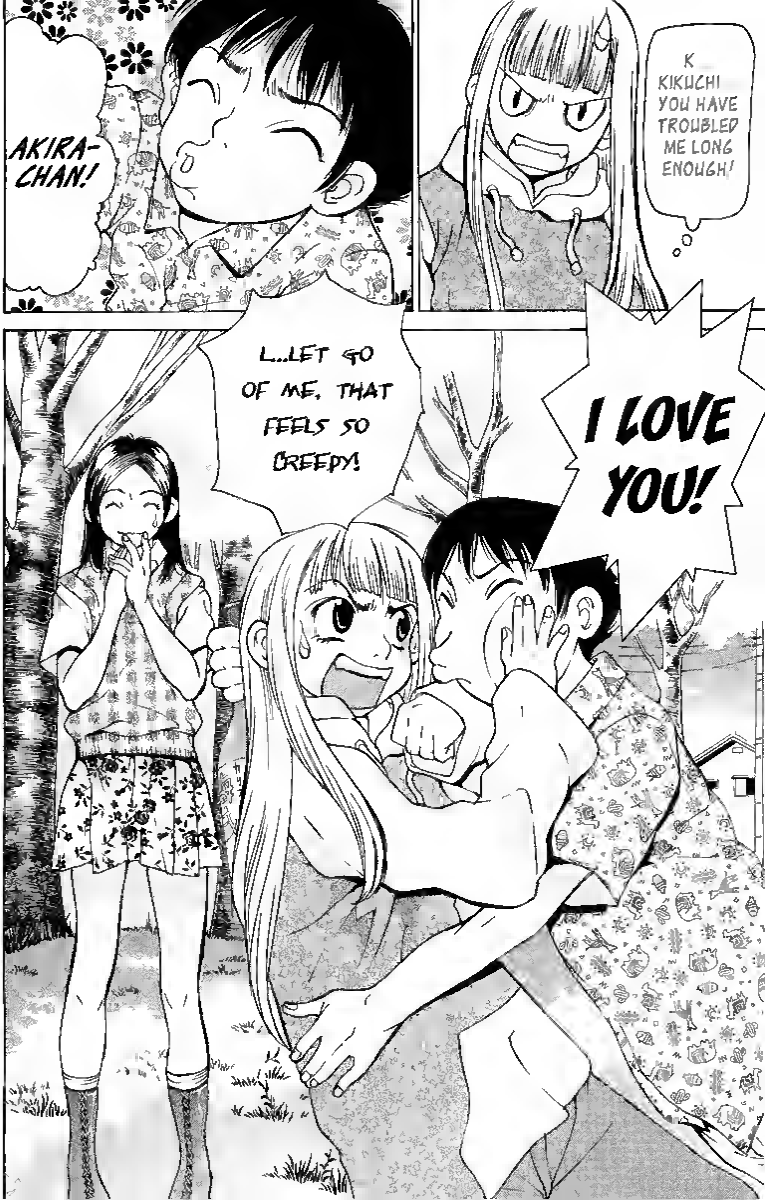
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING MY AKIRA?
EH?
HEY! SAKURA-BA!


AKIRA-CHAN!
K_ KIKUCHI YOU HAVE TROUBLED ME LONG ENOUGH!
L..LET GO OF ME, THAT FEELS SO CREEPY!
I LOVE YOU!

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Quincy